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ACTING PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

How We Will Face Naval Disarmament Problem.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA.

In the House of Commons Sir Austen Chamberlain, the acting Premier, made an important statement in regard to Britain's foreign policy.

Dealing with the disarmament problem, he held the hope that something good would come out of the first Geneva Conference, and expressed the opinion that many such meetings would be necessary before the subject was settled to the satisfaction of the Powers concerned. He also divulged the fact that Britain had been preparing a disarmament scheme before President Coolidge's invitation to participate in such a conference was received.

The acting Premier, referring to the presence of British troops in China, said they would be removed as early as conditions warranted. Britain was always prepared to negotiate with any responsible Chinese Government.

BRITISH TROOPS AT SHANGHAI.

Rugby, To-day.

A general debate on foreign affairs took place in the House of Commons to-day. Sir A. Chamberlain replied on various matters. Dealing with questions of naval disarmament he pointed out that during the discussion there have not been any unfriendly words spoken and no hostile talk by any British representatives. On the contrary, a most friendly attitude has been preserved throughout. Let them take the statement for instance, that he made yesterday. Was there anything unfriendly, novel or alien to Americans in the views which he then expressed on behalf of the Government?

The same thing was said by Mr. Baldwin at the Washington Conference and met with acceptance, and the same thing was said this year by an American of authority, the Chairman of the American Committee of Naval Appropriations, when submitting on January 4, the naval estimates to the House of Representatives.

American Endorsement.
Sir A. Chamberlain read the following extract from that statement: "Our country could be cut off from the rest of the world. But there would be food for our people, fuel oil for our use and materials of all kinds. The lines of the sea might be closed to us for weeks or years should necessity arise. But the United States within her own territories could sustain her people without suffering and produce materials to meet whatever emergency naval necessities might require."

That, said Sir Chamberlain, was a statement of the British case made by an American. All that he invited and asked was fair consideration without imputation of motive and without misrepresentation either of purpose or meaning of the argument which this American statesman had addressed in those convincing words to his own people.

No "Challenging Offer."

Replying to a demand made by Mr. Trevelyan, (Labour) for some great challenging offer, Sir A. Chamberlain said "A challenging offer may very likely bring refusal and acceptance, and for my part I think the less there is of the dramatic about international offers the more likely they are to assist the cause of peace."

It is one of the dangers which we who have had habitually to attend meetings of the League at Geneva have encountered that the Press, eager for news and not misinformed by headlines, demands of us something dramatic—I had almost said melodramatic—every time we meet! You can only proceed slowly and modestly, little by little, and it is idle to think that the great world problem of the limitation of armaments will ever be solved by some great challenging and dramatic offer on the part of any Power, big or little.

"I hold and I know Lord Cecil holds, the same view that the most it is wise to hope or reason-

able to expect from the first meeting of the conference for the limitation of armaments is some small step forward, and that we must look for a series of such conferences gradually carrying forward at each meeting the task which the earlier conference has begun—not a sudden decision which changes the whole face of the while as the result of some dramatic act!

"I think we have made some progress. If we persist, we may make further progress, but I think it would be fatal to expect a great dramatic change to be produced by a single conference. Though I disclaim for His Majesty's Government any desire to produce a challenging dramatic document, I must add that the Government had thrashed out before their delegates left for Geneva a considered scheme of limitation that was directed to checking, above all things, further growth, and reducing the size and limiting the numbers of the great fighting unit of the fleets of the world."

Britain's Preparations.

"Do not let it be supposed that that is the programme hastily put together. Our authorities had been working on it for weeks and months before President Coolidge's invitation had been received. We think that in the instructions with which our delegates have gone back there ought to be a basis of agreement acceptable to both Powers with which we are negotiating, and if adopted by them and ourselves, acceptable to other naval Powers as well, when their time comes to consider them. We cherish an earnest hope that this Conference may secure the object which President Coolidge had in view when he summoned it, and that, by its success, it may encourage and assist the greater work which the League is endeavouring to perform."

Troops in China.

In regard to the British troops at Shanghai, Sir A. Chamberlain said the Government had no desire to keep them there any longer than necessary. They had every interest on the grounds of economy and on the grounds of health of the troops in making further reductions, and they would also be glad to make those reductions because the fact that they could do so would show that there was greater security in China to foreign communities than existed at the time the troops were sent.

The Government would be ready to negotiate new treaties whenever they could find a Government which could speak and discharge obligations in the name of China.

Statement on Russia.

In regard to Russia, Sir A. Chamberlain declared: "We had intention and we have no intention of pushing our difference any further."

The British Government would discuss any conditions that might be put forward by the Soviet

MUZZLING ORDER.

Repeal Not Considered Likely.

PEAK SHOOTING COMPLAINTS.

Regulations Must Be Enforced Everywhere.

Regarding representations made locally for the repeal of the order relating to the muzzling of dogs in view of the length of period that has elapsed since the last reported case of rabies, it is learned that the last case of a dog infected with rabies was at Shaikwan on March 7, and the last human case reported was also at Shaikwan on January 29.

The quarantine period in the case of rabies is six months, but it is considered doubtful whether the order will be repealed at the expiration of this period in view of the special difficulties faced by the Colony in the matter of importation of dogs over the border and by junk and sampan.

With regard to complaints as to the shooting of dogs on the Peak, it is pointed out that if the order is to be effective, it must be enforced in all districts of the Colony.

AIRMAN KILLED.

CAPT. BARNARD FALLS AT BRISTOL.

MACHINE TESTING FATALITY.

The famous Imperial Airways pilot Captain Barnard, was killed in a flying accident at Bristol whilst testing a machine in which he was competing in the King's Cup race to-morrow. He had twice previously won this race.—Reuter.

TO VISIT INDIA.

SECRETARY OF WAR'S TRIP.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sir Lamington Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, will visit India in October.
He will be away from England about three months, and Sir John Gilmour, Secretary for Scotland, will deputise for him at the War Office.—British Wireless Service.

FRANCE TO COMPETE

MONEY RAISED FOR OLYMPIAD.

Paris, Thursday.
Following the successful launching of a national fund of Frs. 500,000 the French Olympic Committee has decided that France will participate in the Amsterdam Olympiad.—Reuter.

Government for the resumption of diplomatic relations, but there must be such a change of mind on the part of the Soviet Government to enable us to believe that if we admitted a Soviet Mission it would conform to ordinary diplomatic and international usages.

Ukraine Canard.

Sir A. Chamberlain also dealt with certain articles which had appeared in the French journal "L'Humanite," attributing to Lord Crewe, the British Ambassador in Paris, communications with Ukraine rebels and alleging that Lord Crewe had professed British assistance in overthrowing Bolshevik rule in the Ukraine. Sir Austen Chamberlain declared there was not word of truth in the allegations, whether they concerned Lord Crewe or any member of the staff of the Paris Embassy or any member of the Government or circle of the Government. He characterised the statements of "L'Humanite" as silly in themselves and dangerous.

While he professed no sympathy with the objects which the Soviet claimed as the purpose of its policy and he detested its methods, he knew there was no surer way of strengthening that Government and rallying Russian people behind it than to take any action or give countenance to any action which seemed to the Russian people to threaten their national unity.—British Wireless Service.

CHIANG'S TROOPS.

Rushing To Chekiang Border.

STRENGTH OF HANKOW.

Foreign Premises At Chinkiang.

Shanghai, yesterday.
General Chiang Kai-shek in rushing troops to the Chekiang border, is giving colour to the reports that the garrison at Hangchow is unreliable.

Shanghai Outbreak?
The overthrow of the Hankow Government is likely as a result of renewed disturbances in the vicinity of Shanghai.—Reuter.

Hankow Troops Moving.

Kiukiang, yesterday.
Hankow troops are on the move. Many of those who were despatched here from Hankow have moved down-river, joined by further detachments from Hankow.—British Naval Wireless.

TROOPS DISARMED.

British Bluejackets At Chinkiang.

Chinkiang, yesterday.

Troops continue to arrive here from up-river, and Nationalist soldiers attempted to seize junks which were lying alongside Jardine's hulk.

A party of British Bluejackets who were on guard at the hulk disarmed the troops, achieving their object without bloodshed. The troops then left the junks and later the Naval authorities returned the arms to the Colonel of the Regiment implicated.

The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has taken up the question of occupation of foreign premises with Chiang Kai-shek.—British Naval Wireless.

Leaving Nanking.

Wuhu, yesterday.
Nationalist soldiers who have been concentrated at Nanking are being moved gradually down-river. Large numbers of troops arrived here yesterday from up-river, the empty transports returning to Nanking for more.—British Naval Wireless.

Ammunition Explodes.

Hankow, yesterday.
A munition dump caught fire at Wuchang on Tuesday causing casualties amongst the military and civilian community.

The regulations providing for searching of ships at Hukow (below Hankow) have not yet been enforced.—British Naval Wireless.

TROOPS FROM CANTON.

Reinforcements for Chiang Kai-shek.

Shanghai, July 25.

One thousand Chinese troops from Canton arrived in Shanghai by the Japanese steamer "Nushan Maru" on Saturday afternoon. They are believed to be reinforcements for General Chiang Kai-shek's Yangtze forces brought here at the urgent request of the Cantonese Commander-in-Chief in preparation for the struggle which is generally felt to be pending in the vicinity of Kiukiang: a struggle which, it is believed, is destined to decide the fate either of the Hankow or Nanking governments, or both. If the Northern forces should decide to swoop down upon the Cantonese while they are locked in a life and death struggle in which the fate of the Kuomintang will hang in the balance.

The troops remained on board throughout the day under circumstances which are believed to be anything but reassuring from the point of view of the health of Shanghai if the reports which were current yesterday, but which could not be confirmed at a late hour last night, are correct.

Sickness Abroad?

These reports had it that sickness had broken out on board the "Nushan Maru" among the troops and that a number of the men had died. The exact nature of the sickness, in the absence of a medical diagnosis, is better left unguessed. It was also reported on fairly reliable authority that a number of bodies of those soldiers who had succumbed to their illness had been dumped overboard into the harbour. One body was picked up by the River Police yes-

B.A.T. SURPRISE.

Shanghai Factories Close.

INDEFINITE LOCK OUT.

But Will Reopen On Smaller Scale Later.

Shanghai, to-day.

The British American Tobacco Company, Ltd., has closed its Shanghai factories, throwing idle 8,000 workers, over half of whom are women.

The lockout will last indefinitely and until stocks have been depleted enough to warrant re-opening on a smaller scale.—Reuter.

AMERICAN EDITORS.

DISCUSS BRITISH POLICY AT FOREIGN OFFICE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

A party of American editors visiting England were received this afternoon at the Foreign Office by Sir A. Chamberlain. In the course of general conversation questions on international affairs, including the naval limitation conference, were addressed to the Foreign Secretary, who discussed the British policy and the Empire's needs with his guests.—British Wireless Service.

DUBLIN OUTRAGE.

COMPENSATION FOR THE O'HIGGINS FAMILY.

Dublin, To-day.

The Dail has voted £20,000 compensation to the late Vice-President Kevin O'Higgins' wife and children.—Reuter.

BEER FOR TROOPS.

ALLEGED SALE BY JAPANESE.

A POLICE TRAP.

A Japanese woman was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with selling beer to soldiers without a licence on the second floor of No. 18, Praya East, yesterday.

Defendant said that she was ill and asleep and did not know that beer was sold.

Sub-Inspector Bloor said that he executed a search warrant on the premises at 10.30 o'clock last night. Previously he had made arrangements with two soldiers to meet them at the house. He gave them a £1 note with which to buy beer, after having taken down the number of the note. When he entered the rear cubicle, he found the two soldiers sitting on a tatami. They each had a bottle of beer in front of them. The defendant was also in the cubicle. She apparently understood and could speak a little English. When the witness accused the defendant of selling beer to the soldiers she replied "No." Asked to produce the money with which the soldiers had paid for the beer, the defendant took out the identical £1 note which the witness had given to the soldiers.

At this stage Mr. Lindsell said that he did not think it fair to the defendant to proceed with the case that morning as the Japanese interpreter did not understand enough English to translate the evidence to the woman.

A remand was given until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning when another interpreter is to be produced. His Worship decided to increase police bail of \$100 to \$200.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

"South west or variable winds, moderate; fair to showery," is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

terday but whether it was that of a soldier or not could not be proved as it bore no uniform. It was delivered to the Native City. If any others were thrown overboard they were unaccounted for up to a late hour last night.

The "Nushan Maru" left port last night, its destination believed to be Nanking.

NOT A SUCCESS?

Latest Views on Naval Disarmament.

RESULT OF AMERICAN STAND.

Further Details of the British Proposals.

PLENARY SITTING FIXED.

Opinion at Geneva is to the effect that the Limitation of Armaments Conference has failed unless the American delegates give way on certain points. A plenary sitting has been fixed for Monday next.

There was a private meeting attended by the representatives of the three Powers interested yesterday, at which the main British proposals were discussed. After a two hours' parley, no decision was come to.

According to the head of the Japanese delegation, failure is due to the absence of any Anglo-American agreement.

The British suggestions are recapitulated below.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

Geneva, Thursday.

The main British proposal submitted at to-day's private meeting of the heads of the three delegations was that the combined total tonnage for cruisers, destroyers and submarines below the age limit for replacement should not exceed 500,000 tons for Britain and the United States and 385,000 tons for Japan.

After a two-hours' meeting the British and American delegates came to no decision.

The latest British naval proposals will be submitted by Mr. W. C. Bridgeman to Lord Cecil on his return from London.

The proposals will be published later. A plenary session has been convened for August 1 and is expected to be the last meeting.

25 per cent. Retained.
The British propose that each Power should retain 25 per cent. of the total tonnage under certain headings. In the case of vessels over the age limit, the following laid down age limits before which replacement would not be allowed; 10,000 ton cruisers, 18 years; other cruisers and destroyers, 16 years; Submarines, 14 years.

It was further suggested that the following vessels over 6,000 tons should be retained by the British Empire: Four "Hawkins" type 7.5 inch, a "York" 8 inch, two "Emeralds" 6 inch. For the United States, 10 "Omahas" 6 inch. For Japan, four "Furnakias," 8 inch armament.

8 inch Cruisers.

The general intention of the foregoing is to provide for the retention of fully efficient ships not within the 10,000 ton 8 inch or the contemplated class with a maximum of 6,000 ton not exceeding 6 inch. The British delegation, recognising this, leave the United States no 8 inch cruisers but are prepared to agree to their construction, which will equalise the British Empire, and the United States in this class. All other cruisers are to be divided into two classes, namely, 10,000 tons, in which class the British Empire and the United States are each limited to 12 and Japan to eight; and the contemplated class mentioned above.

The maximum displacement of flotilla leaders is to be 1,850 tons; destroyers, 1,500. A maximum armament of 5 inch guns was proposed for the total destroyer class.

Submarine Classes.

Submarines are to be divided into two classes, one of between 1,000 to 1,800 tons, and the other with a maximum of 600 tons. Guns are not to exceed 5 inch. The maximum submarine tonnage proposed for the British Empire and the United States is 90,000, and for Japan 60,000, of which "Class A" is limited to two-thirds of the total.

Except for the restrictions mentioned the total tonnage is allocable as each Power thinks best for incorporation in the Treaty operating until 1936.

Plenary Sitting.

An official statement of to-day's development is contained in a joint communiqué saying that Mr. Bridgeman has communicated the British proposal, details of which have already been made known

and which, apart from certain modifications, follow the lines of those under consideration at the last meeting of delegates. It is agreed to hold a plenary sitting on August 1.

The wording of the foregoing is generally held to indicate that the conference is doomed and that failure will be proclaimed on Monday unless the Americans give way. In the meantime Viscount Saito is reported to have told the Japanese correspondents at the Conference that the failure was due to the absence of any Anglo-American agreement.—Reuter.

No American Comment.

The Americans decline to comment on the British proposals, which will probably be referred to Washington. Nevertheless the proposal of limiting the number of 10,000 ton cruisers to 12 and the restriction respecting total tonnage allocated as each Power thinks best are particularly objectionable to the Americans, while the Japanese, though pessimistic, still hope the Americans will become more accommodating.—Reuter.

Reception in America.

Optimism at Sir A. Chamberlain's guarded statement in the House of Commons, on July 26 is discounted by the unfavourable reception of Chamberlain's speech at Washington. Hence an Anglo-American disagreement caused no surprise in London, notwithstanding much store had hitherto been set in Mr. Hugh Gibson's hint regarding American amenability to agreement provided the British and Japanese agreed.

In this connection it is noteworthy that the latest British proposals follow the broad lines of the earlier Anglo-Japanese compromise.

Authoritative opinion gathered by Reuter is that the disagreement is unfortunate but not tragic. There is no intention of Britain building more ships than is essential, and even if there is no limitation treaty there will still be limitation actually.—Reuter.

Fixed Cruiser Tonnage.

Tokyo, yesterday.

The Navy Minister, speaking at a Press meeting, stated that no solution to Geneva was obtainable unless a total cruiser tonnage was fixed. He believed, however, that a satisfactory solution would eventually be obtained.—Reuter.

MANY DROWNED.

EXTENSIVE FLOODS IN FUKIEN.

Peking, Yesterday.
According to a report in the vernacular press deaths from drowning as a result of floods in Fukien, particularly at Ching Chow, amount to millions.—Hong Kong Evening Post.

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LONGER SHIRTS.

SOME SEEN AT ASCOT MEETING.

The longer skirts, so often forecasted, but so slow in coming, made their appearance recently on the Ascot course, and according to leading dress designers in London the day of the short skirt for garden party and evening wear at any rate, is passing.

The new style, as seen at Ascot, is in chiffon, and the dress in front falls two inches below the knee, but falls considerably lower at the back. Visitors in the paddock who noticed the few dresses of this fashion declared that the effect was charming.

Messages from Paris show that the Paris dress designers are also sending longer skirts to the Grand Prix, and one English dress artist, Mr. Norman Hartnell, is sending a dress to France, to be worn at this fashion parade ground, in which the skirt at the back reaches almost to the ground.

Mr. Hartnell said to a reporter: "There is a definite tendency and desire among women for the longer skirt, and inquiries for it are being made daily. The outline, too, will not be quite so slim. It is the party dresses and the dresses for evening wear that show the long tendency most, but it is quite likely that it may spread shortly to morning dresses."

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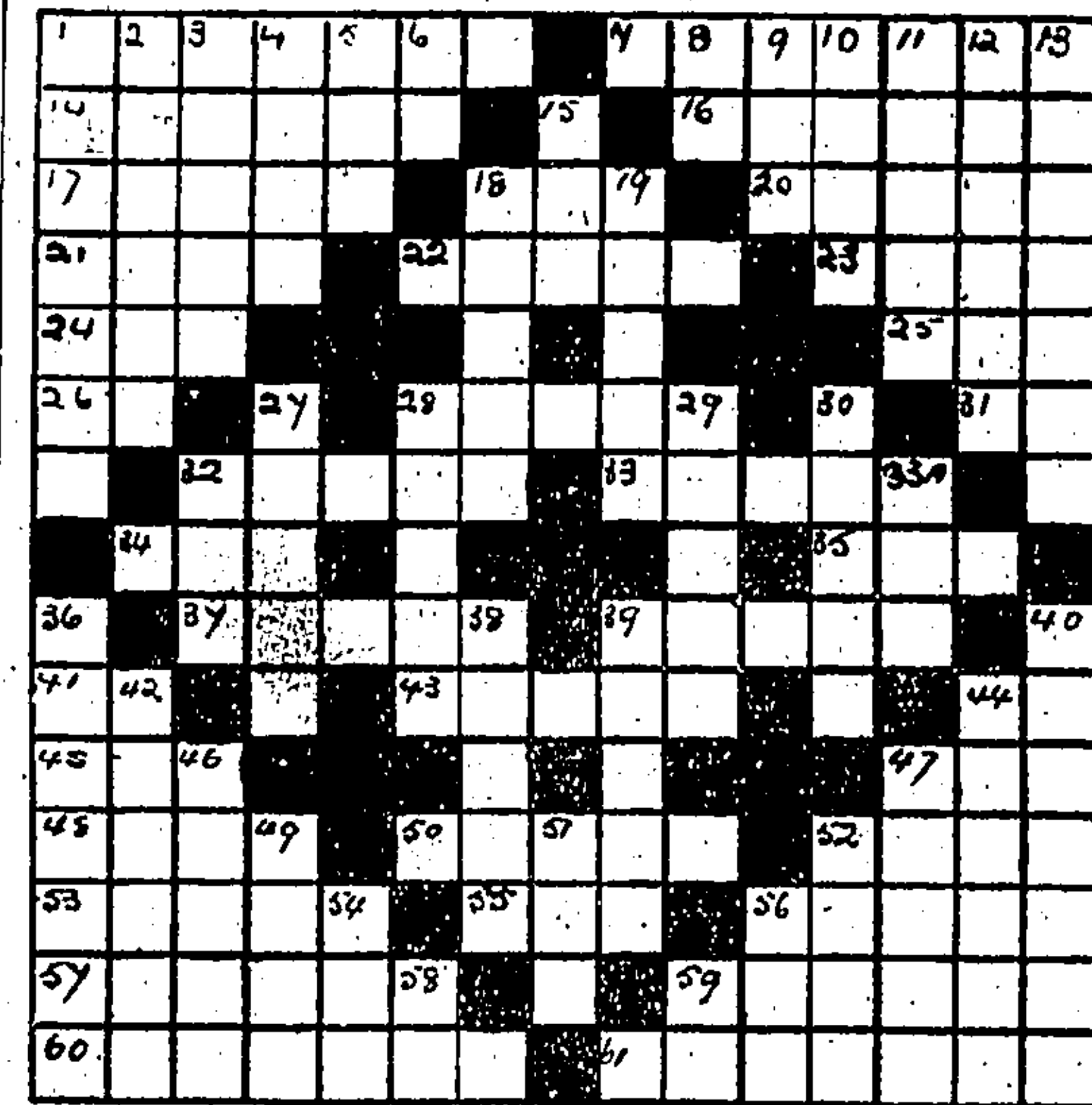
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Across.

1. Craft.
2. Emerging.
14. A genus of leguminous trees and shrubs, usually with thorns and pinnate leaves.
16. Pertaining to trap-rock.
17. Harmony of language.
18. Precedence.
20. A beautiful flowering tree of China.
21. Edge of the roof of a building.
22. Scoff.
23. The magpie.
24. R. T. E. (Actual).
25. Censure.
26. A particle often prefixed to Anglo-Saxon verbs.
28. A nocturnal lizard.
31. Tree found in Pacific islands.
32. An imaginary evil being supposed to prey upon human bodies.
33. In-good season.
34. Sorrow.
35. A simoleon.
37. A bore.
38. Pierced with a sting.
41. Because.
43. Squirrel's nest (plural).
44. Compass point (abb.).
45. Non-permissioned officer (abb.).
47. Armistice.
48. Artifice.
50. A tassel.
52. To make a whirling noise.
53. Fabled giant of ancient mythology.
55. To provoke.
56. A genus of palms.
57. Abundance.
59. An ornament worn as a remedy or preservative against evils or mischance.
60. Earnest.
61. To roll.

Down.

1. An unimportant or superfluous word.
2. An agate.
3. Ingenuous.
4. U.C.M.E. (Actual).
5. Plant closely allied to wheat.
6. A Gothic prefix.
8. C. T. (Actual).
9. Arid.
10. To cry out like a child.
11. To part asunder.
12. I. P. A. C. A. T. (Actual).
13. A congregation.
15. A species of sapajou.
16. One of the faces of a heptagon.
19. To become extinct.
21. A hut or small cottage.
23. To shelter.
29. Kilns for drying hops or malt.
30. A prairie.
32. A rogue.
- 33A. An age.
36. A gregarious aquatic animal.
38. To draw conclusions.
39. Surely.
40. Notched on the edge.
42. To write, engrave, or mark upon.
44. The pinion or outer joint of the wing of a bird.
46. A carnivorous animal of the genus Lutra.
47. To handle.
49. A long embroidered scarf of gauze or silk.
51. A barrier.
52. A river or small stream.
54. N. T. O. (Actual).
56. A. M. U. (Actual).
58. Nephrite or jade.
59. A. R. (Actual).

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The following ocean-going steamers arrived during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day:
"Glenamoy" (4,650) British, from London, Singapore, Jardine's—7 passengers, 590 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,318 tons general (through).
"Malayan Prince" (6,734) British, from New York, Keelung, Prince Line (Far East)—350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,500 tons general (through).
"Hal Yang" (1,363) British, from Singapore, Swatow, Lee Fat Co.—163 passengers, 200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Tjisalak" (3,813) Dutch, from Batavia, C.J.L.—151 passengers, 2,000 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,300 tons general (through).
"Hakusan Maru" (6,271) Japanese, from Yokohama, Shanghai, N.Y.K.—259 passengers, 165 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,440 tons general (through).
"Sung Shan Maru" (1,503) Japanese, from Canton, N.Y.K.—114 passengers.
"Daifuku Maru" (2,035) Japanese, from Milke, M.B.K.—4,100 tons coal for Hong Kong.
"Times Maru" (1,305) Japanese, from Keelung, M.B.K.—1,700 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,500 tons coal (through).
"Hakikai Maru" (3,103) Japanese, from Karatsu, Yamashita, K.K.—4,607 tons coal for Hong Kong.
"Kandou Maru" (2,469) Japanese, from Balikpapan, Nanyo Y.K.—30 passengers, 750 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,170 tons general (through).
Departures.
For Ningpo:—Ta Chung.
For Amoy:—Tung Wo.
For Shanghai:—Ousterkirk, Borneo Maru, Glenamoy.
For Antao:—Tak Hing.

For Swatow:—Sandviken, Dell Maru, Darry, Hydrangea, Hal Hong.

For Muntok:—Tijikarang.

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For Singapore:—Rangoon Maru.

For Whampoa:—Shun Lee.

For Sourabaya:—Kalyon Maru.

For Kwong Chow Wan:—Kwong Foo.

For Bangkok:—Ikomasan Maru.

For Manila:—Malayan Prince.

For Takao:—Batavia Maru.

Clearances.

For Singapore:—Seattle Maru.

For Dairen:—Yejun Maru.

For Haiphong:—Song Ho.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	3	4
Japanese	6	6
French	0	0
Norwegian	0	2
Chinese	0	5
German	1	1
Dutch	1	2
American	0	0
Danish	0	0
Panama	0	0
Portuguese	0	0
	10	20

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North River at Taiyueu	+23'7"	0	+11'1"	+11.9
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The total tonnage of merchant vessels arriving and departing was 38,028,630 as compared with 35,032,127 in 1925. Comparing the tonnage of merchant vessels only (i.e., all vessels above 50 tons net register) the increase is 2,996,503 tons.

An increase of 1,152,231 tons over 1925 was shown in the total Dutch tonnage entered and cleared, which amounted to 6,611,768. This compares with an increase in British tonnage entered and cleared of 1,050,161, and a total tonnage of 19,030,725.

Japanese Increase.

Other increases recorded in combined entries and clearances were: Japanese, 336,988 increase, total tonnage 5,441,386; Norwegian, 310,119 and 385,791; and Danish, 121,580 and 704,076.

A decrease of 107,615 tons on American tonnage entered and cleared is recorded, the total being 1,077,832, whilst the Italian total of 509,396 is a decrease of 40,346.

In the last five years the combined arrivals and departures of merchant vessels have been as follows:—1922, 26,913,256 tons; 1923, 20,936,949 tons; 1924, 22,617,101 tons; 1925, 35,032,127 tons; 1926, 38,028,630 tons.

This record indicates the increasing activity of the Colony's ports, a regular yearly increase in combined tonnage of 3,000,000 for the past five years being shown in merchant vessels. The Dutch increase is a fairly clear indication of the strong efforts which they are putting forward to capture the local trade.

Of the total merchant tonnage entered and cleared Singapore contributed 25,628,329 and Penang 11,408,308. The number and tonnage of all vessels entered and cleared at Singapore during 1926 were 52,149 and 27,657,866 respectively, as compared with 51,647 and 26,046,272 in 1925, an increase of 1,611,594 tons. At Penang, the number and tonnage of all vessels entered and cleared were 21,348 and 11,938,865, an increase of 1,307,249 tons.

Small Craft.

Of the small craft (steamers under 50 tons and native vessels) the combined arrivals and departures were 62,980 in number and 2,239,590 in tons, as compared with 64,913 and 2,250,486 respectively, in 1925.

Three new steam vessels and four motor vessels, with a tonnage of 1,741 tons gross, and twenty-six sailing vessels (2,196 tons) were registered during the year under the Imperial Shipping Acts. Under Ordinance No. 125 (Merchant Shipping), 11 new sailing vessels (890 tons) were licensed under section 424, and 895 vessels (10,187 tons) under section 425.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Manila, is due here at 10 a.m. on August 1, and will berth at Pier No. 5 Kowloon Wharf.

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Sandakan	YUENSANG	Wed., 3rd Aug., at Noon.
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T'au via Swatow & Shanghai	KUTSANG	Wed., 19th Aug., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	HOPSANG	Wed., 19th Aug., at 10 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & Shanghai	CHIPSING	Wed., 19th Aug., at 3 p.m.
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Sir Robert Waley Cohen (managing director, Shell Transport and Trading Company) entertained on board, in celebration of the event, a party of prominent New Zealand business men and officials. He said that the owners of the "Paua," the British Imperial Oil Company of New Zealand, which belonged to the family known as the Shell Group, were proud that it had fallen to their lot to enable New Zealand to be the first of all the daughter nations of the Empire to sail a tank vessel round her own coasts, under her own flag. The development of bulk distribution of oil in New Zealand read like a fairy story. About 80 per cent. of the fuel oil in use in New Zealand was now distributed in bulk. Less than three years ago the percentage was practically nil. That was a wonderful advance, one upon which the Shell Group could be congratulated, and for which it might well be thanked.

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The United States Lines, at Dublin have been informed that the difficulty which arose at Cobh relative to shipping companies obtaining renewal of passenger licences has been arranged, and the companies affected, which, in addition to the United States Lines included the Hamburg-America and others, have obtained the licences.

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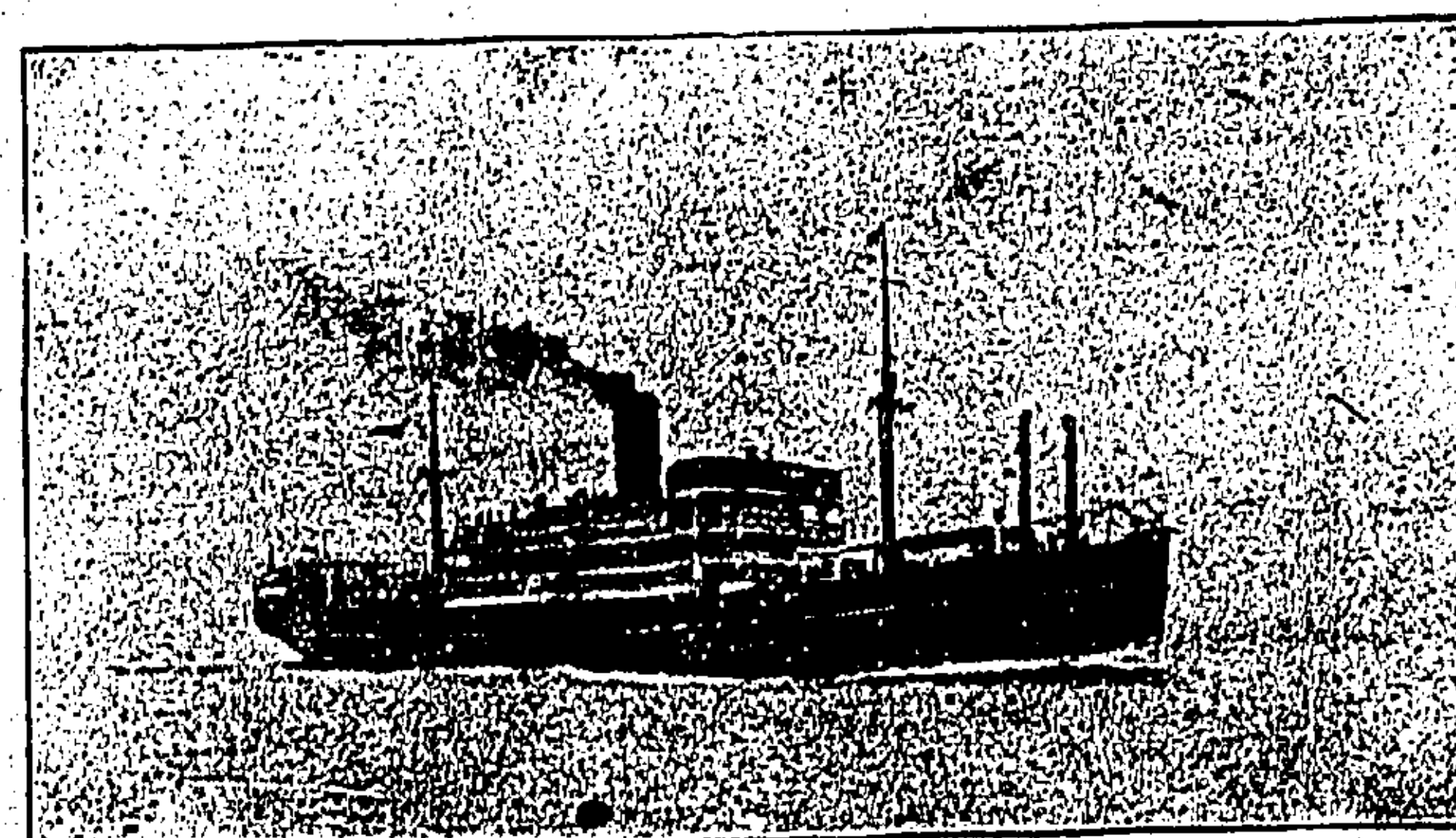
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ALL THAT'S WANTED.

A fitting epitome of the position as affecting foreigners in China was given to the Shanghai Rotary Club by Mr. L. C. Dyer, a member of the United States Congress, according to a brief cablegram from Reuter. Mr. Dyer stated that all that foreigners want in China is the same protection of life and property which the Chinese receive in foreign countries. If China is unable to give that protection, their respective Governments must provide it. No country, he added, can live unto itself alone.

There has often been a fear that the United States did not understand the principles governing British policy in China—a policy that has been reiterated over and over again on the identical lines as those so neatly summed up by Mr. Dyer. In fact, the only publicist in America worth having so far—from the viewpoint of the foreigner in China—has been Mr. Silas Strawn, whose articles and oral statements must have made men of the calibre of, say, Senator Borah feel very small just because of their sheer inability to grasp the guiding principles of foreign policy in China—a policy that must inevitably include the United States. The views now given expression to in Shanghai by Mr. Dyer are neither fresh, novel, nor original. They have been repeated a hundred—nay a thousand—times in every foreign newspaper and on every foreign platform from Tokyo to Hong Kong within the past three years, to go no further back. As America has its Borahs, so has British its Kenworthys, its Cooks, and its

Manns: creatures who enjoy the protection of their own nation's flag and yet are out on every possible occasion to belittle and demean all and everything that does not accord with their own narrow-minded and unpatriotic opinions. It is as well, therefore that America should have its Strawns and its Dyers just as Britain has its Chamberlains and its Birkenheads to correct misapprehensions and to cool the hotheads out for self-aggrandisement at the expense of their own nationals in China.

In referring to the protection of Chinese life and property in foreign countries, Mr. Dyer is on equally safe ground, even although he once again may be accused of staleness. Only the other day attention was called in this column—and not for the first time by a long way—to the security afforded the Chinese in Hong Kong, Malaya, Australia, North Borneo, and other parts of the British Empire. And so it is with the American Possessions. The Chinese enjoy the same degree of protection of their lives and property as do American citizens. In the striking picture being shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow a Puritanical Attorney-General grieves over the tendency to make of America a melting pot for the scum of the whole world, but in a case of national disaster he has to admit that these dregs, so called, rise to the occasion, prove their humanity, and justify their exile in America. The simile can be applied to the Chinese even of the class far removed from the underworld which the Attorney-General was lamenting. Under the Stars and Stripes the liberty of the law-abiding Chinese is as sacrosanct as that of any American citizen, and certainly, as in the British Empire, far more inviolable than in his own native China. Therefore, it should not be asking of China too much when it is pleaded that foreigners in China should enjoy the same security for life and property as Chinese receive in foreign countries.

Shorts and Snobs.

We feel constrained to join issue with a writer in a contemporary who, this morning, seeks to explain why shorts have not won a "sure place in the local sartorial scheme." In the first place, they have won a sure place. A person has only to walk along the street with his eyes open to observe this fact. Because a certain Mr. A. or Mr. B., or the writer referred to, does not sport them is no reasonable excuse for

attempting to damn their obvious popularity. Again, shorts are not unbecoming or indecent. Anything "can" be unbecoming and/or indecent if one is looking for these negative-qualities. Then the display of an expanse of hairy leg is not an ugly sight. An abundance of hair denotes virility, and a well-turned leg—male or female—constitutes one of the most beautiful possessions of any human being. This objection is as futile as that raised by a writer in, we think, a Shanghai newspaper, who declared that the ladies did not like viewing the back of a man's knee! Then again, "there is no coyness in the way men wear shorts." What nonsense! Why should there be? What man wants to wear anything "coy"? It seems that the only sensible point made by the writer now in our pillory is that shorts are cheap (thank goodness) and that a school for deportment for men should be instituted. This is certainly needed, whether shorts are worn or not. Exactly what we said in these columns the other day regarding the wearing of caps applies to the wearing of shorts. One must possess the right sort of face presently to wear a cloth cap, and one must possess the right sort of legs to wear shorts to outward advantage. It is generally the people who have not these attributes who are constantly defaming the virtues of caps and shorts. Of course, if one is a snob the best fitting face or the stoutest legs in the world would not permit of either articles of men's wear being affected.

CORRESPONDENCE.**FERRIES AND BLINKERS.**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir—The letter which appeared in your paper yesterday signed "Kowloon-ite" is very much to the point. Yesterday afternoon I was on one of the smaller ferries from the Hong Kong side and when we got to Kowloon we struck the wharf at the corner near the Railway Station. People were thrown off their feet and sampans in the vicinity had a narrow escape from being upset. Such steering can only come from cheap and inexperienced labour.

Another point, Mr. Editor. I was walking along Des Vaux Road early yesterday evening and noticed a lot of Chinese walking outside the white lines, the policeman took no notice of them. Then from my paper I saw that a Chinese had brought a case against a traffic cop from this beat, so I suppose his pals are now saying:—"Let the blinking blinker do its own work and the lines take care of themselves!" Perhaps we will be allowed to walk along the street in peace now. Only the other day a friend and myself who were passing Peder Street were pushed in the back by a burly Indian policeman who chattered something we could not understand. Eventually we discovered he wanted us to keep within those wonderful white lines.

Yours etc.,
PEAK-ITE.**BAIL ALLOWED.****C.S.P.'S APPLICATION FOR CHINESE.**

Refused bail by Mr. R. E. Lindell on Tuesday, a Chinese who was remanded on a charge of manslaughter alleged to have been committed on July 1, 1925, was again before the Magistrate yesterday afternoon. The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police made an application for bail, on behalf of the accused's relatives. Mr. Wolfe said: "I have seen the defendant and others connected with him, and in a substantial amount I am not prepared to object to bail being granted. I may say that I think the defendant will not jump his bail again. He has personally given me an undertaking that he will appear for his trial, and I can accept that."

The accused had jumped a bail of \$5,000 when first arrested in 1925, and it was for this reason that bail was refused on Tuesday. Having ascertained that the accused could raise \$5,000 in cash and \$3,000 in securities, Mr. Lindell granted bail in that amount, and the accused was told to appear in Court again at 10 a.m. on August 2.

OUR CABARET.**OPENING IN KOWLOON ANNOUNCED.**

Announcement is made in our advertisement columns of the date of the opening performance of the new Our Cabaret, a company of ten London artistes whom Mr. Charles Chamier is presenting in a series of intimate revues. This talented company will make their first appearance in the Star Theatre on Saturday, August 6, at 9.30 p.m., when they will submit "Cocktails," a little revue in two acts. This will be followed by other pieces of the same attractive type, and it can be safely predicted that the new Our Cabaret will have an excellent season in Kowloon.

ST. PETER'S.**YOUNG MEN'S CLUB GALA DAY.****MONDAY'S PROGRAMME.**

St. Peter's Young Men's Club has arranged a gala day for Monday (August Bank Holiday) when various races will be held at Clear Water Bay (launch leaving Queen's Pier at 11.30 a.m., arriving back at 7 p.m.).

On August 5 a whist drive will be held at the Cathedral Hall at 8.30 p.m.; on August 8, a social for Service men at the Club House; on August 13 a moonlight bathing picnic, on August 22, another social for Service men on the roof of the Club and on August 26 a whist drive at the Cathedral Hall.

The Club is starting a class in "easy" Chinese, for non-Chinese-speaking members of the Club. The Library has been increased by donations of books. Gifts will be welcomed by the Librarian.

Mr. F. A. Peterson has been appointed Hon. Assistant Treasurer of the Club.

MRS. J. W. STEPHENS.**LATE PEAK RESIDENT'S WILL PROBATE.****\$111,200 LOCAL ESTATE.**

The wish that her body should be cremated and her ashes scattered to the winds is expressed in the will of the late Mrs. J. Williams Stephens, widow of Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, of Hong Kong.

Deceased leaves estate in Hong Kong valued at \$111,200. Probate has been granted to local notaries.

Among bequests to servants are \$5,000 to the principal servant, \$2,000 to the No. 1 Boy and a similar sum to the amah, with \$700 to the cook and \$500 each to two other servants and two gardeners.

Her pearl necklaces are directed to be divided between Margaret Walker, Gladys Stephens and Sarah Elizabeth Ellis, the first two of whom are to receive £500 and the latter £200.

Donations to Charity.
Following are charitable bequests.—St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind £500; Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital £500; Maternity Hospital, near Manchester Square, London, £100; Foundling Hospital, London £100; Pearson's Fresh Air Fund; Henrietta Street, London, W. C. £100; Dr. Barnardo's Homes £100.

Kowloon City Home for the Blind \$1,000; Church Body \$1,000, to be employed in the repairing or building fund of St. John's Cathedral; Little Sisters of the Poor \$1,000.

One half of the residuary estate Mrs. Stephens bequeaths to Mrs. Kate Mumby, or in the event of her earlier death to her child or children on their attaining their majority. One quarter she allots to Mr. Frank Mumby with similar alternative, and the remaining quarter she directs shall be divided equally amongst the Alice Memorial Hospital, the Maternity Hospital, the Nether-sole Hospital and the Ho Miu Ling Hospital.

ALLEGED HOLD-UP.**CHINESE CHARGED WITH DEMANDING MONEY.**

Charged with demanding money with monies from the Man Kee godown, a Chinese who is alleged to have posed as a detective was brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. F. C. Hall appeared for the defendant, and Mr. D. McCallum watched the case on behalf of the complainant, while Mr. Leo d'Almada held a watching brief for "an interested party."

The prosecution alleged that on June 25 complainant was carrying some goods which he had bought from a shop at Canton Road back to his godown at Jordan Road. The defendant, with two others not in custody, approached the complainant and asked for \$500 before they would allow him to carry on with his business.

They represented themselves as detectives.

The complainant refused to pay and they went away. The next day the three defendants again called at the godown and renewed their demand. This time the complainant got exasperated and struck the defendant in the chest. They went away and complainant informed the Police with the result that defendant was arrested.

The case was adjourned until noon to-morrow.

TOO LATE THEN TO HUNT.

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P'RAPS—P'RAPS NOT!

A new minimum for an opening No Trump bid was noted in a recent game. A certain convivial young man dealt and bid a No Trump; all passed. Dummy put his hand down and remarked:—

"Well, I can't imagine what you bid No Trump on when I have three Aces and four Kings." "Well, if you want to know," the declarer said, "I bid it on one Jack with two Queens and three cocktails."

At a certain church it is the custom of the clergyman to kiss the bride after the ceremony. A young lady who was about to be married did not relish the idea, and instructed her prospective husband to tell the clergyman that she did not wish him to kiss her. The bridegroom obeyed.

"Well, Harry," said the lady when he returned, "did you tell the minister that I did not wish him to kiss me?"

"Yes." "And what did he say?" "He said in that case he would charge only half the usual fee!"

"Thank you very much indeed," beamed the well-dressed flapper in the bus, as a working man offered her his seat. "That was very kind of you." The other blushed happily, and gave a number of other males a hardy glare as he answered:—"Not at all, miss, not at all. I know some men don't give up their seats unless it happens to be a pretty girl, but looks make no odds to me."

And everybody except the young girl smiled.

Three a.m. on a cold and frosty morning! A deserted street, down which meanders a man, flushed of face and uncertain of feet. For twenty minutes he tries to unlock his front door, watched by an amused policeman, who at last intervenes.

"I say, guv'nor," he remarks, "I suppose you know you're trying to open that door with a cigarette?"

The reveller stares at the policeman, and then at the cigarette, badly bent in his fingers. Then, with a groan, he sinks weakly down on the doorstep.

"Oh, con'sh'ble," he groans, "send for doctor! I've bin an' shmoked the blessed key!"

There had been an outbreak of fire at the artist's studio, and the insurance agent had called to estimate the damage.

"Now, with regard to these canvasses," said the insurance man. "You say they cost about ten shillings each?"

"Yes," admitted the artist. "But," he pointed out, "I'd painted on most of them."

"Ah!" said the agent thoughtfully. "Then suppose we say five shillings each?"

At a friend's house a certain author found himself in company with a youth with whom he experienced some difficulty in finding a suitable topic of conversation. At last he came to books.

"Have you read any good books lately?" he asked.

"Yes," was the answer. "I've just been reading a splendid book."

"Indeed. What was it?" "Well, I forgot the name."

"Who was the author?" "I don't know."

"Well, what was it about?" "I've quite forgotten. But it had a red cover."

It was the morning after the night before, and a young clerk, having met too many friends, rang up his chief at home about eight o'clock, explained everything, and apologised for his inability to get to the office that day.

"I appreciate your frankness," said the chief, "but don't you know you're off to-day? This is Sunday!"

Johnny had the toothache, and his moans so upset the class that the teacher had perforce to let him go home.

Five minutes later Billy Brown was seen to be holding his jaw and pulling a long face.

"Have you got the toothache too, Brown?" asked the teacher.

"Yessir," was the reply.

"Ah, well," was the smiling rejoinder, "the school will be over in an hour, and then you will be able to go home and join Johnny Stubbs."

"He ain't gone 'ome," said Billy; "he's waitin' for me to go fishin'!"

KIDNAPPED?

DISAPPEARANCE OF LOCAL MERCHANT.

WITHDRAWAL FROM BANK.

The mysterious disappearance of a Chinese merchant has been reported to the Police and the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

The merchant had not long returned to Hong Kong from the U.S.A. where he had made enough to keep himself and family in comfort for the rest of his days. Together with his wife and daughter, he settled down in Shamshui, where they appear to have settled down in comfort. On the 8th inst. the man left the house and has not since been seen.

A few days after her husband's disappearance, the wife received a letter purporting to be from her husband, enclosing a \$100 note and advising her to go back to the U.S.A. with her daughter.

Enquiries at a Chinese bank with which the husband had deposited \$10,000 showed that the money was drawn out by the husband personally a few days ago.

In the belief that her husband has been kidnapped and forced to make the withdrawal, the wife has made a report locally.

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

LOTTERY OWNERS APPROACH POLICE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindsell heard a case in which two Chinese were charged with bribing a Chinese detective.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defence, whilst the prosecution was conducted by Sub-Inspector Lane.

According to the Chinese detective a very large Popin Lottery Syndicate in Macao which had been in the habit of smuggling tickets to Hong Kong to sell, knew of the witness's ability in detecting smuggling lottery tickets, so they attempted to stop the detective's activities by attempting to bribe him. The first accused who knew the detective was given the job of bribing the detective. This man made an appointment with the detective at the Sik Yuen Restaurant in Des Voeux Road Central, and turned up with another man.

At the restaurant the first accused told the detective that \$400 would be paid by the syndicate to the detective's informer on condition that this man leave the Colony. The detective himself would be paid \$270 in cash and a monthly allowance of \$45 to "keep his eyes closed" to the syndicate's doings. The other man (second accused) then produced \$100 as the first instalment towards the informer's \$400.

\$300 Paid.

After this interview the detective received several letters from the syndicate making further appointments, and at one of these further sum of \$300 was paid for the detective to get rid of his informer. All these happenings were communicated to Inspector Lane by the detective who worked under the Inspector's instructions.

Finally a trap was laid by the police. The accused had asked the detective by letter to keep an appointment at another eating house in Des Voeux Road Central on July 14. This the detective did and was paid \$270 by the second accused. The Inspector Lane who was hiding in the vicinity of the eating house was signalled to. He raided the place and arrested the two accused.

At this stage further hearing was adjourned until Thursday afternoon next.

CRIMINALS AS "MUGS"

"Criminals and other mugs," was the characteristic title of an address which Mr. Edgar Wallace, the well-known novelist, gave to a brotherhood meeting in St. Peter's Church, Greenwich. Mr. Wallace is a native of Greenwich, and an old boy of St. Peter's School. Crime, he said, was the worst paying job anybody could take up. He had known personally some notorious criminals, and one of them told him that his average earnings for the past thirty-five years had been under 14s. per week, and he had spent twenty years in prison. One, the most desperate man he had ever known, a Scotsman with a university education, admitted to him that he had only made an average of 12s. per week in a lifetime of crime.

Mr. Wallace did not believe that there was a single criminal in England to-day who possessed \$200 he could call his own, and so he thought he was quite justified in describing all criminals as mugs.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

SUCCESS OF "THAT ROYLE GIRL."

GREAT CYCLONE SCENE.

In "That Girl Royle," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, there are vivid contrasts that must appeal to every lover of the pictures. It may seem far fetched for a bellicose little paper seller to set her ideals on Abraham Lincoln's famous dictum that "right is might" when everything has gone wrong in her life, from being driven from pillar to post to a home that cannot possibly be associated with the theme of the old song, "Home, Sweet Home."

As "That Girl Royle" Carol Dempster, who takes the leading part with consummate ease and much ability, becomes a mannequin in a fashionable emporium and well does she display the beautiful creations of gowns and furs that she has to wear to advertise. A glimpse into the jazz night life of Chicago is furnished, some of these scenes being pretty, albeit others are a little boisterous. But then they must be true to life—the life of Chicago.

The "eternal triangle" finds a place in the film but it is rather a pity that conjugal unhappiness should be just a trifle overdone by D. W. Griffiths to the extent of a display of violence between husband and wife and between a millionaire gangster and his very jealous mistress. Again, Griffiths may say it is true to life, but all the same it does not enhance the picture when shown before Oriental.

Fortunately there is much in the picture that adds relief. There are many really humorous scenes and many a touch of pathos and sadness that make one forget the earlier sordid side and conclude that Griffiths has really "made good." The cyclone scenes are in a "street" by themselves.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

NO. H. Q. PARADES IN AUGUST.

COMMANDANT'S ORDERS.

The following orders are issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Administrative Commandant of the H.K.V.D. Corps:

No parades will be held at Volunteer Headquarters during the month of August, 1927. All arms are required for the annual overhaul.

M.I. Company.

Parade at stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2. Dress: muffs. Armoured Car Co. See Order No. 1 of to-day's date.

Portuguese Co.

Friday, July 29, 1927. All members who have not passed Tests 1 to 4, parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: muffs.

Stores and Repairs.

The attention of all concerned is drawn to the fact that no member of the Corps is entitled to give orders to any firm or shop, for goods or repairs, connected with the Corps, or otherwise, unless such an order is signed by the Adjutant. If this procedure is not adopted the individual gives the order at his own liability and there can be no guarantee that the expenditure will be met out of the Corps funds.

Arms.

Many members of the Corps are at present keeping their rifles and bayonets in their own possession. This practice is contrary to Regulations. Members are reminded that all rifles when not in use must be kept at Corps or Platoon Headquarters. Those members of the Corps now in possession of rifles and bayonets must return them immediately.

Promotions and Appointments. The following promotions and appointments take effect from July 26, 1927:

Armoured Car Company:—No. 188 Corp. W. H. C. Robson to be Sergeant; No. 438 Lce.-Corp. R. W. Lee to be Lance-Sergeant; No. 847 Pte. C. R. Wilson to be Lance-Corporal; No. 1235 Pte. J. K. Shaw to be Lance-Corporal.

Transfer.

No. 830 Gunner H. R. Remington, Artillery Company, is permitted to transfer to the Reserve Company, as from July 21, 1927.

Leave.

No. 245 C.Q.M.S. E. G. Stewart, Infantry Company, is granted leave of absence from the Corps, from July 25, 1927, to August 8, 1927.

WARNING TO FIRMS.

The attention of all firms is drawn to Corps Order No. 287 of July 29, 1927, issued by the Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Firms in the past have accepted orders from members of the Corps which have not been backed by the Adjutant, will they please note that under these conditions they have no claim on the Corps for payment out of public funds.

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A JURY VILLAGE.

MOUTHER AND ITS CHERRY TREES.

A LOVELY SPOT.

It is always pleasant to be a pioneer, if only in a small way, and to stay in a French village in which, apparently, no Englishman has ever stayed before is to feel an ever-so-distant kinship with Raleigh and Drake and Christopher Columbus. Certainly, the American Indian can hardly have looked with greater curiosity upon his European discoverer than did the inhabitants of the village of Mouthier, in the Department of the Doubs, upon their first English visitors. Even the octogenarian crone, who sits most of the day on her doorstep muttering imprecations on all passers-by, was too much dazzled at our novelty to bestow even a mild curse upon us.

It cannot be long before the English visitor discovers Mouthier, and loses his novelty on the "what will the old lady say to us as we pass?" for the village is not inaccessible, the railway being only three kilometres distant at Lods, or twenty at Pontarlier. Mouthier, moreover, when one does reach it, is a wonderfully lovely spot, and is endowed with an admirable pension—the ancient manor house of the place—at which it is possible to stay cheaply and comfortably.

The village lies on the side of the valley on the river Loue, just below the point at which the valley changes its character and becomes a gorge. Below Mouthier the valley is wide, with pastures, and vineyards, and cherry orchards and on each side, above the cultivated lands, a sheer cliff of limestone. At Mouthier the valley narrows, and less than a kilometre above the village the valley becomes a gorge, with shrubs clinging to its walls, which run for four kilometres up to the point where, already a full-sized river, the Loue plunges roaring out of a cavern in the face of the rock. This, indeed, seems to be a habit among rivers in the Jura Mountains, and another river, the Pontet, also leaps out of a cave near Mouthier, and after a brief but turbulent career of a couple of hundred yards or so, joins the Loue.

Where Two Worlds Meet.

Mouthier lies about 450 metres above sea-level and is the highest village in this district at which the vine is cultivated. Behind and in front the cliffs rise to over 800 metres, and it is hard not to imagine—as one sees the cultivation giving way to rock and thicket all round—that one is at the end of all civilisation, with nothing but mountain wilderness beyond. But climb one of these rocks, Hauteperrière, for example, which rises to 880 metres above the sea, and you will see that another world lies over the top of the cliffs, an undulating world of pasture and grain-crops. Mouthier is not the end of the world—it is where two worlds meet.

The greatest glory of Mouthier is its cherry orchards. The two main products of the village are wine and kirsch, and for the production of the latter some nine hundred acres or so are planted with cherry trees. In late April, or the first days of May, the sight of these trees, against the vivid green of the grass and the grey of the rocks, and with the river rushing down to the middle of the valley, is one of indescribable beauty.

Even when the cherry bloom is over the place is very lovely, and the village itself is not without interest. The arches of the early sixteenth-century church are remarkably graceful and well-proportioned; and in the courtyard of one of the houses of the main street there is a statue of the Virgin with the body of Christ upon her knees, which is a moving piece of work. On the picture postcards (which even Mouthier boasts) this statue is reputed to be of the ninth century—but one need not, perhaps, take this chronological attribution too seriously.

Nothing To Do.

It is not, however, the "sights" of Mouthier that give it its beauty; it is rather the general aspect of the village, lying on the crest of a fold in the valley's side, and in the colours and lines of the old farms which compose it. For most of the houses are farms, and each one is built with care and comfort, and man and beast within its four walls. So that when the village herd of cattle is driven down the street, on its way back from the pastures of an evening, it gradually diminishes its progress as each cow is diverted in turn into its own front door—sometimes the same front door that its master and mistress use. In Mouthier, however, though man and beast may use the same house, and go in by the same door, they do not (as is alleged to be the case in our sister island), share the same apartment within the house.

Trout-fishing is to be had in the Loue, but otherwise there is, of course, "nothing to do" at Mouthier. But to those who enjoy idling in lovely surroundings, or are sufficiently energetic to enjoy scrambling among the rocks and long walks by the river bank, Mouthier is a spot which has much to offer.

I am all against girls and young women going out to business.—Sir Abe Bailey.

I believe that life will some day be created in the laboratories.—Sir Oliver Lodge.

The historical novel is destructive alike to history and to the imagination.—Dr. Emil Ludwig.

SOVIET MURDER.

FINNISH OFFICER'S FATE.

AN EVASIVE REPLY.

The Soviet Government has now replied with characteristic insolence and evasiveness to the pertinent questions put to it by the Finnish Minister in Moscow regarding the fate of Colonel (not General) Elvengren, says the "Daily Telegraph."

The Soviet Government admits the execution of the colonel, and seeks to justify it by alleging counter-revolutionary activities on his part. It imparts, however, no detailed information as to these alleged activities. The Soviet Government then has the effrontery to express surprise at the suggestion that Colonel Elvengren is a Finnish subject, and professes to have always understood that the murdered man regarded himself and was regarded by Helsingfors as a Russian subject.

Bolshevik bad faith in this respect is sufficiently exposed by the military record of Colonel Elvengren. He fought, as a cavalry captain, in the Finnish War of Liberation, being promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the army of the new Finnish Republic. He fought the Bolsheviks a second time when holding this higher rank, a fact of which the Soviet authorities were well aware and had good reason to remember.

Shot Without Trial.

To the final inquiry, concerning the nature of the judicial proceedings which led to Colonel Elvengren's execution, the Soviet Government has so far returned no answer. Neither could it, since he was shot without any trial. Such brutality and cynicism could hardly be exceeded. Although the Communists and possibly a few Socialist elements, in Finland might wish to gloss over Moscow's latest outrage, public opinion at Helsingfors and throughout the country has been deeply stirred by it.

It is now possible to explain why Moscow has been so sorely hit by the Anglo-Soviet diplomatic rupture, and is consequently so bitter against Great Britain. The rupture, which was bound to check the flow of foreign credits to Soviet Russia, happened at the very worst moment for the Bolshevik Government. For the financial and economic situation in the U.S.S.R. has never been so desperate as it is at present. One may lend little credence or importance to the scattered and local anti-Soviet risings. One may also take the view that the quarrels between the Soviet leaders, although now so acute as to have compelled the dominant clique to resort to more drastic measures than before against its opponents, do not affect Moscow's international position.

Peasantry Dissatisfied.

The fact remains that the peasantry are extremely dissatisfied with the prices charged for essential commodities, more particularly manufactured goods, owing to the working of the State Monopoly of Trade. Yet, if the monopoly were done away with, the Soviet Government would be faced with bankruptcy. It would not know where to find revenue; for the trade balance in these circumstances would go heavily against the U.S.S.R., who might be unable to export more than 20 or 25 per cent. of its present total under the head of farming produce.

Moscow thus finds itself in a painful dilemma, from which M. Stalin's so-called New Economic Policy has failed to rescue it, because it could not be applied. Only a few weeks ago the chief commercial official of the Soviet Administration at Minsk, in White Russia, had to be sacrificed by Moscow, and dismissed, owing to the clamour of the peasantry. Similarly, the President of the Ukraine Soviet has had to protest to Moscow repeatedly against the manner in which the Central Government lays hands on all the produce of the country and on all its imports for the use of itself and the Central Provinces, whose needs it feels obliged to gratify at the expense of other regions. These manifestations of discontent are widespread and significant.

PAINTER'S 1,000 PICTURES.

For the first time in Norway, a painter has been proclaimed a genius while he is still alive. This is Edward Munch, whom the National Gallery has invited to exhibit all his paintings. The Gallery has received as a loan practically every painting by Munch in private possession in Scandinavia and Germany, and the exhibition numbers about a thousand pictures. Edward Munch is a man in the early fifties. Among his great works is the decoration of the State Room of the University in Oslo. Himself a very shy man, he left town before the exhibition was opened to the public. His pictures are rather impressionistic, but his handling of colours is truly remarkable.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

July 29—Queen's Theatre; "The Royle Girl."

July 29—World Theatre; "The Alaskan."

July 29—Star Theatre, Kowloon; "The Street of Forgotten Men."

July 29—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant, Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

July 29—Concert at "Cheer O," 7 p.m., at "Better Ole," 7 p.m.

July 30—Grand Concert, City Hall, 6.30 p.m.

July 30—Fifth Grand promenade concert, Lee Gardens, 9 p.m.

July 31—Open Air Concert by Band of Queen's Royal Regiment, Kowloon Dock Bathing Beach, 5 p.m.

August 2—Concert by Miss "V. Capel" and her Company of amateur entertainers, the "J-Pans."

August 4-5-6—Pat-pourri entertainment by the Wild Swan Co-optimists at Royal Naval Canton Theatre, 8.30 each evening.

August 6—Charles Chamier presents "Our Cabaret" in a series of intimate Reviews, at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.30 p.m.

August 22—Social Service for Service men on the roof of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

August 26—Whist drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall.

August 8—Concert by Leo Podolsky famous pianist, and Vera Mirova, premiere danseuse, Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions.

August 4-5—Household furniture, pictures, curios, etc., of the late Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens, No. 5, Peak Road, 11 a.m.

September 15—Valuable properties in the New Territories, at Messrs. Lammert's Sales Room, 8, Duddell Street, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

July 29—Annual meeting of members of the Peak Club, at the Club, 6 p.m.

August 2—Water Polo Association Meeting at Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m.

August 18—Meeting of Creditors of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd., Liquidators Office, 3, Queen's Road Central, H. K. noon.

Sports.

July 30—Lawn Tennis League; Lawn Tennis League; H.K. Baseball League; Friendly Football.

July 30—Second Night, Fete; Victoria Recreation Club, 9 p.m.

August 1—Races at Clear Water Bay, arranged by St. Peter's Young Men's Club (launch leaves Queen's Pier, 11.30 a.m.).

August 5—Whist drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

August 8—Social for Service men at St. Peter's Y.M. Club House.

August 13—Moonlight bathing picnic under the auspices of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

Miscellaneous.

July 29—Annual prize distribution of the Garrison Children's Schools, Hong Kong V. D. Corps, Drill Hall, Garden Road, 3 p.m.

July 30—St. Peter's Y.M.C. launch picnic, 3.30 p.m.

July 30—European Y.M.C.A. bathing picnic.

NOTICES.

INSURANCE OFFICES HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of business on MONDAY, 1st August, 1927.

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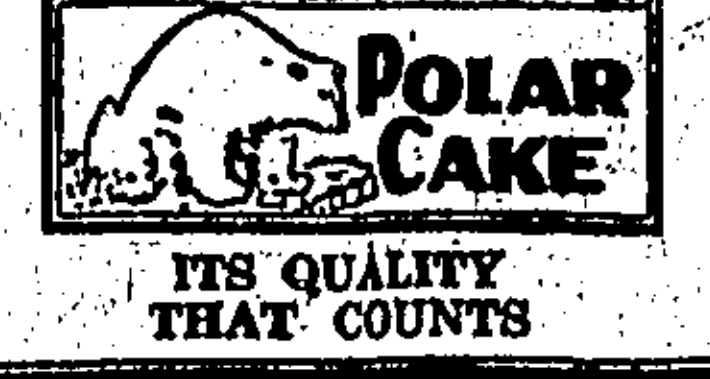
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By Order of the Board, W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 29th July, 1927.

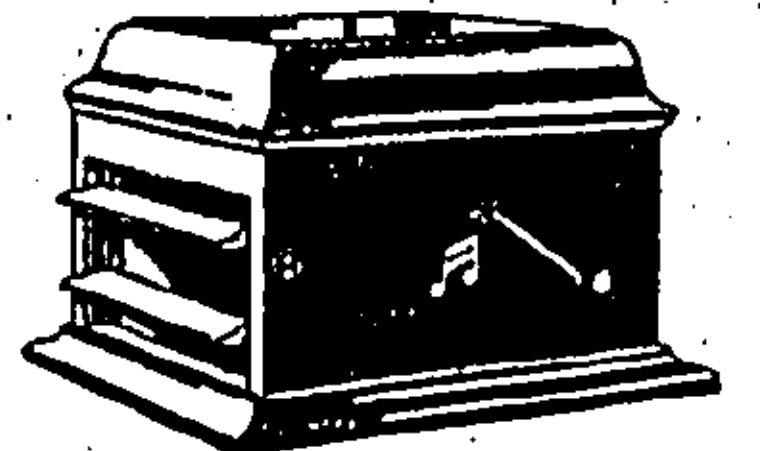


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At last affairs seem to be moving quickly in China, and each day brings some fresh development the import of which can best be brought home to the folks in Great Britain through the "Overland China Mail."

Borodin, the main stalwart of Communism in China, has endeavoured in vain to win over General Chiang Kai-shek, and is now trying to woo the "Christian General."

Meanwhile, Hankow's main prop—Kiukiang—has fallen from its grasp by the local General and Chiang Kai-shek becoming reconciled. The nature of this menace is tersely told in the "Overland China Mail."

All the local happenings of the week, including the typhoon last week-end, will be found in the current issue. Why spend time writing a long letter when you can send all the news in a copy of the "Overland China Mail"?

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

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Bitten by a mosquito, Mrs. Dorothy Baker, of Milton Street, Southend, died in hospital. Mosquitoes breed freely on the marshes in the neighbourhood, swarms of them being sometimes seen on the sea front.

The executive members of the Tung Wah Hospital are considering the building of a new hospital in the vicinity of Causeway Bay. It is decided that in two weeks' time a campaign for the collection of funds would be begun.

It is advertised that all departments of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., will be closed on Monday, August 1. The Dispensing department will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The attention of all firms is drawn to Corps Order No. 287 of July 29, 1927 issued by the Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Firms in the past have accepted orders from members of the Corps which have not been backed by the Adjutant, will they please note that under these conditions they have no claim on the Corps for payment out of public funds.

According to the "Huang Pao," the Dutch Government has flatly rejected the proposal of the Nanking Government, made through its Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. C. C. Wu, that the Sino-Dutch negotiations for the revision of the commercial treaty between the two countries be conducted with the Nationalist authorities. The Netherlands' reply adds that everything concerning the revision of the Sino-Dutch agreement will be negotiated by the Netherlands Minister in Peking, at an opportune moment and with the Central Government.

Miss V. Capell and her Company of amateur entertainers visited the Rope Factory, Kowloon, last night and were given a rousing reception by the 1st Cameromians. Some of the artists who have contributed to the success of their concert were absent through illness but Miss Capell, Mr. Glover, little Miss Glendinning, Miss C. Xaxier, the three male humorists and others worthily maintained the high standard of entertainment set at previous performances by this talented company. Owing to the fact that many of the men were unable to get accommodation in the hall, the J-Pans are to give another performance on Tuesday.

There were two Chinese cases of enteric fever reported in the Colony yesterday.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday.



Governor W. J. Bulow, of South Dakota. He will be State Guest to Coolidge during his stay in the Black Hills.

According to a message from Brussels, representatives of 135 Universities from 24 countries were present at the commemoration of the fifth centenary of Louvain University, and the dedication of the new buildings which replace those destroyed by the Germans in the War. A brilliant procession passed through the street. The King and Queen of the Belgians and Prince Leopold were among those present at the great gathering at the University.

Recent additions to the London Museum at Lancaster House, St. James's, S.W., include an important series of gifts and loans from the King and Queen. Among these is the wedding dress of silver cloth worn by Princess Charlotte, the daughter of King George IV, when she married Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg early in the nineteenth century. Dresses belonging to Queen Alexandra as Princess of Wales in the 'sixties, and aquatints of various State ceremonies, have also been added to the Royal Room.

The Garrison Children's School annual prize distribution is taking place this afternoon at the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Drill Hall at three o'clock.

The Wild Swan Co-optimists are to give a pot-pourri entertainment at the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 4, 5 and 6. The performances will begin each evening at 8.30.

Struck on the head by a ball which rose sharply off the pitch, Norman Moore, a 13-year-old batsman in a game of cricket at Hull, died from a fracture of the skull. Medical evidence at the inquest showed that he had an abnormally thin skull. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Plans for a building which will soar 1,200ft. above the street have been approved as to "zoning" and general construction by the New York Superintendent of Buildings. This 110-storey giant, known as the Larking Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world, is to be erected in West Forty-second street, near Times-square, the great newspaper centre of the city. Minor revisions in the plans have yet to be made, but it is expected they will soon be finished.

Reference to the alleged extravagances of his son are made in the will of the late Fung Shue-kang, of 12 Chuen Sin Tung Wang Street, Canton, probate in respect of whose estate has been granted to Lai Shi, his daughter-in-law, of 3 Man Chung Terrace, Wongneichong, Hong Kong. Deceased refers to the difficulty created by his son's debts in the provision for the family's future welfare and directs that all the houses and family estate in Canton and Fatsan be handed over to his daughter-in-law for her control.

At the votes before yesterday's Finance Committee meeting (the expenditure totalling \$124,232.00) were approved by members. The two votes for Water Boat, Lanchester, and Tytan Tuk Scheme, engine and boiler (\$10,000 and \$95,000 respectively) would complete expenditure on the two schemes, it was stated. In order to improve the sanitation at Shamshuipo, the military were anxious, stated the Colonial Secretary, that the Government should proceed with latrine provision for the New Kowloon area which, for purposes of economy, it had previously been decided to postpone. The military were willing to pay \$10,000 of the \$16,000 cost and, with the Committee's approval, a formal vote for proceeding with the work, would be put before them at the next meeting.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The marriage recently took place in London of Mr. J. E. Tyler, formerly superintendent of the Government Printing Office Singapore.

The engagement is announced of Mr. John A. Ryder, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ryder of Manchester and Miss Rebecca Ruth Isaac, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Isaac, of Singapore.

The engagement is announced of John Colburn-Bennett of 44 Queen's Gate-Gardens, London S. W. and Joan, eldest daughter of Oswald Francis Stonor, C.M.G., late British Resident of Perak and Mrs. Stonor.

Mr. Paul W. Brown, Executive Secretary of the Navy Y.M.C.A. in China, and Mrs. Brown, have left for furlough in America. They are accompanied by Miss Betty Brown. Mr. Wilbur Judd will be the acting Executive Secretary during the absence of Mr. Brown.

In connection with the appointment of Mr. W. Herbert Pritchard, K.C., Procureur and Advocate-General of Mauritius, to be a General Judge of the Straits Settlements, it may be interesting, says the "Straits Times," to recall the fact that the late Sir Lionel Cox was holding the same position in Mauritius when he was promoted to the Chief Justiceship of the Straits Settlements. Another promotion to the Straits Judiciary from the Mauritius Bench was the late Mr. Pelereau.

Lord and Lady Strathmore are at St. Paul's, Waldenbury, their place near Welwyn, where they live a good deal, neither caring much for London, so they are not much at their big Bruton Street house, which their son-in-law and daughter, the Duke and Duchess of York, recently occupied. Says a "Star" writer, St. Paul's, Waldenbury, a pleasant, very comfortable brick mansion, with grounds containing a fine avenue and some splendid timber, was the scene of some of the worst sufferings of that Countess of Strathmore who had the misfortune to marry Andrew Robinson Stoney, an Irish adventurer, who had already killed one wife by his cruelty. Stoney once nailed Lady Strathmore's tongue to a table. Lord and Lady Strathmore will spend most of the summer and autumn at romantic old Glamis Castle, Forfarshire, where the Duke and Duchess of York are to visit them early in the Highland season.

The annual meeting of the Peak Club is being held this evening at 6 o'clock.

Dr. R. Tagore has arrived in Malaya and is the guest of Sir Hugh and Lady Clifford.

Mr. T. D. Welsh, of the Chartered Bank, Klang, is being re-transferred to Kuala Lumpur in the near future.

The Bishop of Singapore and Mrs. Ferguson-Davie, who have left Singapore, are now visiting Kuala Lumpur and are guests at the Residency.



Mrs. Clarence D. Chamberlin, wife of the first pilot to cross the Atlantic from New York to Germany. She has joined her husband in Europe.

News has been received that Mr. Louis Drakeford, son of Mr. L. H. Drakeford, foreign district Inspector of the Southern Szechuan Inspectorate of the Salt Revenue, has passed the final examination of the University of London for the degree of B.Sc. (Engineering). Mr. Drakeford, Jr., was born in Shanghai and was a student at Wel-hat-wel School, which he left in 1920 to enter Felsted School, Essex.

During the absence of the Belgian Chargé d'Affaires to Siam, M. E. Roulez of the Siam Electric Corporation will take charge of the Belgian Consulate.

Recent naval promotions include that of Lieut. Commr. (retired) J. B. Newell, D.S.O. to be Commander (retired). Lieut. C. Crawshaw, is appointed to Wolverine and Lieut. K. R. Buckley to Keppel.

The Duke of York's new house in Piccadilly is beginning to have quite a "lived-in" look about it from the outside, and is an increasing source of interest to passers-by (observers). There are curtains up now at all the front windows, mostly of plain nondescript-toned net. I rather think that the woman who remarked that these are not the curtains which the Duchess will have up on her return was right. It was this woman whose little girl was responsible for a pretty incident. There was a van in the road outside No. 145, taking some more of the furniture into the house. A small light chair was standing temporarily on the pavement, when this small child ran forward exclaiming:—"Oh, mummy, do let me sit in the Duchess's chair!"

Weddings in Westminster Abbey are not encouraged, and few have taken place there of late years (says a "Daily News" writer). Among them are to be remembered that of Lady Patricia Ramsay and the wonderful bride of Princess Mary. Lady Katherine Scott, daughter of the late Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, was married to Lord Hampden, and Lady Peggy Primrose, younger daughter of Lord Rosebery, became Countess of Creve in Westminster Abbey in the spring of the same year. There is an occasional affair, however, in the Henry VII. Chapel, which is sometimes used for specially favoured couples who like an historic venue, even with limited accommodation. Among those who have been married there is Lady Burghclere's daughter, Miss Mary Gardner, Princess Mary's friend, with Lord Hollender's eldest son, Mr. Geoffrey Hope Morley. This month another wedding will have the lovely old Henry VII. Chapel as a setting. Mr. John Maude, the barrister, only son of the famous actor, Mr. Cyril Maude, and the late Mrs. Maude (Winifred Emery), is to go to Westminster for his wedding with the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Morris Murray, of Boston, U.S.A.

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SPORTS

LAWN BOWLS.

Prospects For League Games To-morrow.

ONE MATCH IN KOWLOON.

Chance to Down Second Division Leaders.

(By "Short Head.")

To-morrow the League leaders, the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, are not engaged. Next on the table are the Tai Koo Recreation Club, who entertain the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, who almost invariably find the Tai Koo green a veritable Waterloo. A year ago the visitors were trounced by 21 shots, and although the margin may be smaller to-morrow Tai Koo should still finish on top. If Wallace is pitted against W. Macfarlane the game is as good as won for Tai Koo, as Morrison and Witherspoon may be looked to to account for Russell and Holland.

Happy Valley Tussle.

The Craignower Cricket Club will be at home to the Civil Service Cricket Club. The outcome of this fixture is very problematical. The ground team can show only six points for nine games, whereas the Civil Service have extracted only four points from seven matches. They thus appear to be very evenly matched and the bogey of ground, dreaded by certain other visitors to the Valley, is not likely to scare the Civil Servants. Last season the Craignower emerged on top by a majority of 19.

Police at Home.

Another fixture at the Valley is that between the Police Recreation Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club. Last Saturday both teams finished exactly two points down—and both played on their own greens. With the K.C.C. to-morrow stronger than they were last Saturday against the Bowling Green Club they may just give the Police a good light for the points. So far each Club have played eight matches, out of which the Police have won three and the K.C.C. one. The Police should be favourites for the points to-morrow.

Second Division Games.

Of the four Clubs in the running for the Second Division championship the East Point Recreation Club appear the likeliest to improve their chances to-morrow. They meet the Craignower Cricket Club on their own ground, and should not have much difficulty in annexing the points, although it has to be remembered that the visitors lost by only one shot last season. Still, the positions of the two Clubs this season are very different. The East Pointers have 14 points for 10 games, whilst the Craignower have only four points for a similar number of matches.

Tai Koo For King's Park.

The Tai Koo Recreation Club have a sporting chance also of strengthening their position when they go over to King's Park, Kowloon, to meet the Club de Recreo. A year ago Tai Koo won this match by five shots, and as they are determined to have a say in the championship they are not likely to give much away. It would sound of repetition to speak of the erratic form of the Club de Recreo this season, and therefore it would be futile to predict either that they will handily or get beaten by the same margin as last year.

Chance For Yacht Club?

Will to-morrow see the Yacht Club break their spell of defeats and earn "merit" by defeating the leaders—the K.C.C.? The latter have lost a couple of matches, which shows, naturally, that they are not invulnerable, and that it is not beyond the ability of the Yacht Club to snatch a couple of badly needed points. Of course, the K.C.C. will have a say in that. They are as keen as ever on winning the championship, and for this purpose have strengthened their weakest link by bringing in J. P. Robinson, the hardy veteran, as skip. On the result may hinge the destiny of the premier award in this division.

C.S.C.C. at Home.

In the remaining match between the Civil Service Cricket Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club the former have also a fine opportunity to cover themselves with glory and retrieve the reputation they lost against the K.C.C. and the Tai Koo R.C. It is certainly unlikely that on their own green all three rinks will crumble to pieces, and should Massey be up against Macfarlane the Civil Servants should fancy their chances of gaining a couple of points.

FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW.

Matches down for decision for to-morrow are:—

Division I.

Craignower C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.

Kowloon C.C. v. Police R.C.

Tai Koo R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.

Division II.

East Point R.C. v. Craignower C.C.

Club de Recreo v. Tai Koo R.C.

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club v. Kowloon C.C.

Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.

TO-MORROW'S TEAMS.

The following are the probable teams for to-morrow:—

First Division.

Craignower Cricket Club—

F. J. Neves, D. Fritz, C. M. S.

Alves, and U. M. Omar (skip);

W. T. Brightman, C. S. Rossetti,

E. Arculli, and D. Rumfah (skip);

W. B. Muskett, M. A. R. Sousa, C.

Bennett, and R. Basa (skip).

K.C.C.—D. Hazel, D. Harvey,

A. Macfarlane, and W. Russell

(skip); R. Duncan, T. Ferguson,

P. T. Farrell, and A. M. Holland

(skip); R. Hall, T. Magill, D. Muir,

and W. Macfarlane (skip).

K.C.C.—J. Hyde, W. Hyde, W.

Goldenberg, and W. Overy (skip);

W. J. Edwards, F. E. Nash, F.

Goodwin, and J. Gibson (skip); R.

Abraham, F. C. Fincher, A. W.

Smith, and H. G. Pile (skip).

Tai Koo R.C.—W. Weir, J. Whyte,

J. Russell, and W. Witherspoon

(skip); T. Young, W. F. Seath, G.

McLeod, and W. Wallace (skip); T.

Grimes, J. Muirhead, J. Laing, and

G. Morrison (skip).

Civil Service C.C.—B. E. Mas-

han, H. Westlake, sen., P. Keegan,

and W. Denkin (skip); T. Laing,

R. A. Smith, A. Hollidge, and

T. D. E. Pender (skip); H. H.

Rose, A. O. Brown, A. Grimmit,

and A. H. Oswick (skip).

P.H.C.—Wiltshire, Condon, Reid,

and Moss (skip); Glendinning,

Collins, Marks, and West (skip);

Hollands, Buchanan, Sword, and

Muir (skip).

Second Division.

Craignower Cricket Club—

D. K. Khuras, Y. Abbas, H. Beer,

and F. T. Knott (skip); F. K. Medi,

F. Lunny, A. A. Razack, and

C. A. Rodrigues (skip); A. A.

Lewis, W. Nicholson, R. F. Luz,

and G. H. Sellwood (skip).

Club de Recreo—P. A. Yvan-

ovich, E. V. M. R. de Sousa, C. E.

Marques, and A. Ribeiro (skip);

H. R. Sequeira, J. G. Ozorio, C.

Silva, and L. C. R. Souza (skip);

J. A. V. Ribeiro, A. M. O. Other, C. A.

Lopes, and J. Ribeiro (skip).

K.B.C.—E. W. Hale, C. Hatt,

T. Forster, and D. F. Warren

(skip); J. Matthews, F. Stonham,

J. Budding, and J. Macfarlane

(skip); A. Chapman, E. S. Car-

ruthers, W. Cuff, and R. Dixon

(skip).

K.C.C.—W. W. Hirst, J. C. Lyn,

J. Smith, and L. E. Lammett (skip);

F. Hamblin, B. Petheram, G.

Wragge, and F. G. Herridge (skip);

E. Kern, V. C. Labrum, A. E.

Davidson, and J. P. Robinson

(skip).

Civil Service C.C.—Flegg, J.

Beattie, Archibald, and R. Taylor

(skip); F. H. Holdman, Luck, P.

Murphy, and S. Alderman (skip);

H. G. Strange, Carr, F. H. W.

Haynes, and J. Massey (skip).

East Point C.C.—A. T. Hamilton,

R. Williamson, G. M. Shaw, and R.

McKellar (skip); G. Vickers,

Hampton, A. J. Henderson, and

H. M. McFarlane (skip); F. G.

Samways, A. Webster, R. H. White-

ford, and R. W. Lee (skip).

Yacht Club—Reed, Bullock,

Hammond, and G. Edwards (skip);

Thornhill, Vaux, Wood, and Shields

(skip); Wynne-Jones, Black,

R. Sutherland, and Davies (skip).

Tai Koo R.C.—P. M. Stewart, F.

Boyle, D. Walmsley, and C. B.

Matthews (skip); H. Maxwell, D.

Speiler, J. Murray, and H. Dinnen

(skip); J. Sloan, J. Richmond, J.

Chalmers, and H. McKechnie

(skip).

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

Division I.

P. W. D. L. Pts.

Kowloon Dock R.C. 9 9 0 0 18

Tai Koo R.C. 8 6 0 2 12

Kowloon B.G.C. 7 4 0 3 8

Police R.C. 8 3 0 5 6

Craignower C.C. 9 3 0 6 6

Civil Service C.C. 7 2 0 5 4

Kowloon C.C. 8 1 0 7 2

Shots for and Against.

For Agst. Up Dn.

Kowloon Dock R.C. 558 442 116 —

Tai Koo R.C. 494 429 65 —

Kowloon B.G.C. 427 371 56 —

Civil Service C.C. 398 417 — 19

Police R.C. 452 482 — 30

Craignower C.C. 476 643 — 67

Kowloon C.C. 373 494 — 121

Division II.

P. W. D. L. Pts.

Kowloon C.C. 10 8 0 2 10

Kowloon B.G.C. 9 7 0 2 14

East Point R.C. 10 7 0 3 14

Tai Koo R.C. 8 6 0 2 12

Civil Service C.C. 10 4 0 6 8

Club de Recreo 10 3 0 7 6

Craignower C.C. 10 2 0 8 4

Royal H.K.Y.C. 7 0 0 7 0

Shots for and Against.

For Agst. Up Dn.

Kowloon B.G.C. 564 469 95 —

East Point R.C. 623 628 95 —

Tai Koo R.C. 506 483 78 —

Kowloon C.C. 617 645 72 —

Civil Service C.C. 558 637 — 39

Club de Recreo 529 605 — 76

Craignower C.C. 536 626 — 90

Royal H.K.Y.C. 353 483 — 130

"FREDDIE" WELSH.

FAMOUS BRITISH BOXER FOUND DEAD.

ONCE WORLD'S CHAMPION.

New York, Yesterday. "Freddie" Welsh, the ex-lightweight boxing champion of the world, was found dead in the room of a hotel—Reuter.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF.

SECOND ROUND OF £1,000 TOURNAMENT.

Leeds, Yesterday. In the second round of the £1,000 Professional Tourney Jack Smith, of Wentworth, beat Nabholz 3 and



Mrs. Dalton Raymond of Baton Rouge, La., U.S.A., who is the new Southern women's golf champion.

2. H. Jolly, of Foxglove, beat Melhorn 5 and 4. Large, St. Helens, beat Duncan at the 21st. Compton beat Tuok of Southstaffs 4 and 3. Tuok in the first round beat Charles Whitcombe at the 20th—Reuter.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

GAMES FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY.

There will be a baseball game on Monday, at Happy Valley, the U.S.S. "Helena" nine playing the All Hong Kong at 4 p.m. S. Hachima, of the managing committee of the All Hong Kong team, has announced the following as the line-up:—S. L. Lee, S. S. Lee, Zafra, Leonard, S. Hachima, Gozono, Alves, Kusano, Rocha, Cockey, Y. Hachima, Murata, and Shim. On Saturday, the Hong Kong Baseball Club will play the Filipinos and on Sunday, the "Tigers" will meet the Japanese as arranged.

LIST OF SECOND ROUND FIXTURES.

July 31.—Japanese v. Tigers.
Aug. 3.—Filipinos v. Dragons (replay).
Aug. 6.—H.K.B.B. Club v. Tigers.
Aug. 7.—Dragons v. Filipinos.
Aug. 13.—Tigers v. Club de Recreo.
Aug. 14.—H.K.B.B. Club v. Dragons.
Aug. 20.—Filipinos v. Club de Recreo.
Aug. 21.—Japanese v. H.K.B.B. Club.
Aug. 24.—Tigers v. Filipinos.
Aug. 27.—Japanese v. Filipinos.
Aug. 28.—Club de Recreo v. Dragons.
Sept. 3.—Japanese v. Club de Recreo.
Sept. 4.—Tigers v. Dragons.
Sept. 10.—Filipinos v. Tigers.
Sept. 11.—H.K.B.B. Club v. Club de Recreo.
Sept. 17.—H.K.B.B. Club v. Filipinos.
Sept. 18.—Dragons v. Japanese.
The game on August 6, 7, 13 and 14 are being played at 2.30 p.m. to accommodate the All-Round Chinese team from Honolulu who are playing a series of matches in Hong Kong. The usual starting time of other games is 4 p.m.

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HONG DOUBLES.

DRAW FOR ANNUAL TENNIS EVENT.

THIRTY-TWO ENTRIES.

Following is the draw for the Hong Doubles tennis competition organised by the Hong Kong Cricket Club. First round matches should be played before August 14:—

A. B. Raworth and A. W. Hayward (owe 4/6) v. J. T. Prior and G. S. Hugh Jones (rec. 1/6);

H. R. Remington and G. W. Sewell (owe 15) v. E. S. C. Brooks and H. G. Sheldon (rec. 5/6);

W. L. Dunbar and A. W. Hay Edie (scr.) v. H. C. Macnamara and H. J. Armstrong (rec. 4/6);

H. V. Parker and R. P. Moodie (rec. 3/6) v. J. W. Alabaster and S. M. Garrard (owe 3/6);

D. E. Clark and J. D. Humphreys (rec. 1/6) v. C. H. G. Bradley and H. A. Mills (scr.);

G. Miskin and C. Blaker (owe 2/6) v. J. N. Owen and F. Syme Thomson (rec. 15);

Dr. D. J. Valentine and Dr. I. Newton (owe 2/6) v. A. E. Pritchard and W. Wooding (rec. 5/6);

E. A. Griffiths and E. A. Simon (rec. 15/2) v. H. Graves and C. L. Sandes (rec. 5/6);

W. D. F. Wilson and K. A. Mason (rec. 2/6) v. R. K. Valentine and A. C. I. Bowker (scr.);

C. W. E. Bishop and R. M. Henderson (owe 15) v. J. A. Worswick and C. P. Wales (rec. 1/6);

S. A. Arthur and P. E. Barker (rec. 15) v. Commodore, J. L. Pearson and Pay-Lt. Comdr. A. P. Shaw (owe 1/6);

W. A. Nowers and L. M. S. Lloyd (owe 3/6) v. A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis (rec. 4/6);

E. D. Black and D. E. G. Nicholson (rec. 5/6) v. M. D. Scott and R. L. Moncrieff (rec. 3/6);

G. D. Mead and O. J. Shannon (rec. 15) v. A. Piercy and W. B. Cornaby (owe 3/6);

Capt. A. G. Dobbie and Rev. P. P. W. Alexander (owe 15/3) v. I. E. L. Mackay and J. R. Hinton (rec. 15);

T. G. Bennett and M. M. Watson (rec. 3/6) v. T. D. E. Pender and M. M. Maas (scr.).

Local League.

The final match between the Chinese Recreation Club and the Club de Recreo for the shield in the "B" division has been fixed to be played on Tuesday, August 2, on the Hong Kong Cricket Club court.

To-day in Division "C" the H.K.C.C. are playing the S.C.A.A.

MY SECRET.

YOUNG HAMMOND EXPLAINS.

What is the secret of success in batting? asks W. R. Hammond, of Gloucestershire.

Every batsman must, of course, watch the ball carefully, wait for it, and then, having decided upon his stroke, time his shot perfectly. But besides doing this, every good batsman develops his own peculiar gifts, which are the foundation upon which his success is built.

I attribute my success to the fact that I always play my natural style and never cramp myself.

But, essential though it is to be natural, there are rules which everyone must follow if he is to make anything like a decent show.

"The first thing to remember is that the ball is sent down to be hit." That is the way I always look at it. And it is not necessary to use brute force to send it flying to the boundary or to score freely.

The physically strong man is seldom the perfect hitter. Perfect timing is the main thing in stroke play, and is more likely to bring the sixes and fours, which brighten the game both for the public and the player. It is easier to score boundaries when all the suppleness of which your wrists are capable is brought into play and the ball, perfectly timed, is met with the juicy part of the bat.

Hitting the Ball.

The whole secret of my batting success lies in hitting the ball. My rule is never to let the bowler bowl at me. If I find he is tying me up I at once endeavour to hit him off.

My advice to the young batsman is not to be content with just playing the ball. He must try to hit it always. It naturally follows that more care must be exercised with very slow bowling. Against such stuff the batsman must be more

careful to pick out just those deliveries to hit which suit his own style.

If he makes his strokes correctly he soon learns automatically to get into correct position for the shot. Thus footwork, one of the great essentials to successful batting, is bound to come if the batsman uses ordinary intelligence and keeps himself from merely becoming an automaton. Quick judgment and the ability to time the stroke properly will go a long way towards ensuring success.

I am a great believer in making full use of every natural gift. Coaching, which develops these qualities, is, of course, of the greatest benefit, but any attempt to subdue instincts and to train a player to certain set methods foreign to his natural bent is more likely to end in failure.

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Berlin	20.41 1/2
Copenhagen	18.15 1/2
Oslo	18.80
Vienna	34.49
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	192.65
Madrid	28.50
Lisbon	2 7/16
Athens	370
Bucharest	795
Rio	5 59/64
Buenos Aires	47 59/64
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A STAR IN EXILE.

LAVALLIERE AND THE
KINGS.

Mlle. Eve Lavalliere, once a variety star, the idol of kings and princes, now in retirement at the foot of the Vosges and living in relative penury on an African Mission pension, has had her "Life" published in Paris.

"Pyrenees Independent," dated March 7, 1884, it is learned that the previous day Eve's father, Monsieur Fenoglio, shot his wife, tried to kill his daughter (who jumped out of the window), and committed suicide. Mme. Fenoglio died in hospital two months later, and it is to this dreadful happening (when she was 17) that Eve referred three decades later when, at the zenith of her career she was asked at a brilliant reception to epitomise her life in a sentence. She wrote: "Blood, frightful drama, hell on earth, a hell more cruel than death—and at the end of it all, Eve Lavalliere fantasist!"

Eve (then Eugenie) became a modiste at Nice, and used to wear such huge bow ties that they christened her "Lavalliere," after the famous Louise (who by the way, did what Eve has been unable to do, finished her life in a convent).

From Nice she went to Paris, where she went on the stage, making her first appearance at the Varieties. That was in the 'eighties. She was engaged then principally for her ravishing little figure and great dark eyes, and the fact that she was "all nerves." But in 1908 Sarah Bernhardt was saying to her: "It is not that many have not greater talent than you, but none of us can create like you!" Fittingly enough, Eve, a few moments later, banged and bolted her dressing-room door on the cream of Paris "first-nighters" burst into tears and, by way of celebrating her triumph, tried to throw herself into the Seine, being hindered by a wretched vagrant.

There is a chapter devoted to "Lavalliere and the Kings." From this it appears that King Edward once waited two days in Paris specially to see Lavalliere, who was ill, act in "Le Roi." The next week she journeyed to Biarritz and photographed his Majesty on his morning walk. Jeanne Granier introduced Eve to the youthful King Alfonso at the same resort. To make an impression, Eve on this occasion dyed her hair jet-black in order to look Andalusian.

In addition to extraordinary stage personality, Eve represented daintiness and gamine to the nth degree; all sophisticated Paris worshipped her, and the wider world as well, for she was godmother to more Poppas than any other Frenchwoman during the war.

At the beginning of the war, because of her friendliness with a German, she was suspected of being a spy. From Paris she fled to Lourdes, and finally to Tunis, where she became Sister Eve in a mission.

THE CINEMA IN SCHOOLS.

There is every likelihood of the Ceylon Education Department utilising the cinema for educational purposes. Negotiations are at present being carried on between the Department and a firm of cinematographers to secure from England films which have been prepared specially for the purpose, and make arrangements for screening them at the different schools in the island. The plan proposed is to equip a touring van with all the necessary cinema apparatus and go from school to school exhibiting the films. Some of the subjects of these film stories will include, "How to Swim," "Travel Pictures" of all countries, "Main Streets of the World Over," "How a Volcano Works," etc. At the same time the village schools are to be benefited by films which the company hope to produce under the supervision of the Agricultural Department. These will depict the planting of rice and other local products, indicating in each instance how to do it and how not to. Other

ITALIAN DRAMA.

PLAYWRIGHT CONFESSES TO
HOAX.

During the past two years several plays have been produced in Rome and in other provincial towns of Italy, said to have been written by one Wessiliv Cetoff, a Russian playwright, whose name soon became familiar to dramatic critics and lovers of modern theatre productions. The plays, rather bizarre, received generous applause, and in the last two seasons no less than six new productions were successfully given at the Teatro degli Indipendenti, a small underground theatre, frequented by the intellectuals of the Italian capital. The increasing popularity of Cetoff excited the curiosity of critics, who became anxious to learn something more about the famous Russian playwright and his literary activities, since nothing was known about him except that his plays had been translated into Italian by Luigi Bonelli, a well-known Florentine journalist. The Rome critics, however, were not a little surprised when, after a last triumph, they determined to trace the author and get a personal interview with him, only to discover that the author of the plays was no other person than Bonelli himself who, to give colour to his productions, posed as a translator of the Russian author. Now that Bonelli has won fame and reputation, he enjoys the joke immensely.

VIOLIN WITH NO STRINGS.

A collection of old musical instruments is in the possession of Canon F. W. Galpin, rector of the tiny parish of Faulkbourne, near Witham.

It formerly numbered 600 instruments, but Canon Galpin sold a number to America during the war, and now possesses only between seventy and eighty, each in playing condition. He can play on them all himself, from the ceremonial horn of the Lamas of Tibet, made from shinbone, to the South Sea Islander's flute, played with the nose.

I began my collection when, as a schoolboy, I bought an old horn for two shillings, and put it into playing condition by my own work," said Canon Galpin.

"I conceived, while at Cambridge, the idea of a collection illustrating the evolution of musical instruments through the ages. Such a collection shows that the instruments of to-day are far finer in every way."

Canon Galpin's collection is drawn from all races, and includes instruments discovered by chance by an eighteenth century violinist in the Russian Opera, who hung his bow on a nail and found it sounded a note. He constructed a violin on this principle, consisting of nails of varying lengths stuck round a semi-circular sounding board, the flats being bent one way and the sharps the other.

The most surprising instrument of all is in appearance a large family Bible, but it opens to disclose an organ keyboard, a set of small pipes, and a pair of bellows. Canon Galpin has used it himself for mission services.

MR. EDGAR WALLACE'S PLAY.

Mr. Edgar Wallace's play "The Terror," which was produced at Berlin with an excellent cast, had an enthusiastic reception. All the critics are for once in agreement with the public.

"A brilliant play, writes one of them, and 'I would not have missed it on any account,' writes another.

educational pictures which are expected to be produced soon are under the direction of the Mayor of Colombo. The subjects of these will include Midwifery, how to run a Dairy, The Traffic Problem, depicting how to drive a motor-car, etc.

2,000 YEARS OLD.

ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE SPIRIT
OF CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY.

What should perhaps prove the most memorable of all modern attempts to recapture the spirit of classical antiquity is being made at this moment under the auspices of the Greek Government and the direction of the Greek poet, M. Stelios. A classical festival is now being held at Delphi, in the excavated precinct of Apollo's sacred city, the chief feature of which is to consist in a performance of the "Prometheus Vinctus" of Aeschylus, in the original Greek, in the great theatre just above the ruins of the temple where the famous Oracle had its home.

Other experiments of the sort have been tried at different classical sites. Not long ago the "Agamemnon" of Aeschylus was performed with success in the ruined Greek theatre of Syracuse. And the neat little Roman theatre which stands near the banks of the swirling Adige in the old city of Verona has also been the scene of a revived classical play.

But no experience of the kind is likely to equal the emotions evoked by the reproduction of an ancient Greek drama in the spot which of all others was the most sacred and honoured of the whole classical world.

Seats For 2,000. Quite apart from its unequalled associations, Delphi is admirably adapted in a material sense for the experiment. Its excavation has been one of the most satisfying pieces of work ever achieved by scientific archaeology. The theatre, excavated by French scholars, looks to quote a common expression, practically "as good as new." Its acoustics are excellent. It has about 2,000 seats in a good state of preservation.

Its situation, in a fold of the broad breast of Parnassus, high among the topmost terraces of the sacred city, and looking down on the Temple of the Oracle, is superb. And in the matter of accessibility, in the face of modern communications and more particularly in view of the arrangements which are to be made for the convenience of visitors, the choice of the site presents no difficulties for any tourist lucky enough to find himself in Athens.

An outlay of about £7 will see the visitor through the necessary expenses of the two days' festival. This sum will see him to Itea and back through the Corinth Canal and past the islands of Salamis and Aegina, and will convey him by car on two successive days up the 2,000ft. of winding road which shoots upward from the plain of Amphissa to the ruins of Delphi. He can return to sleep aboard his ship in Itea Roads if he so desires.

Stupendous Nature. There are reasons why a festival of the kind at Delphi should prove more memorable than would be the case at any other spot. No classical site preserves so thoroughly the sense of the past, which literary memory has perpetuated for it. The fact is that practically all that antiquity most loved to commemorate in connection with Delphi remains to-day.

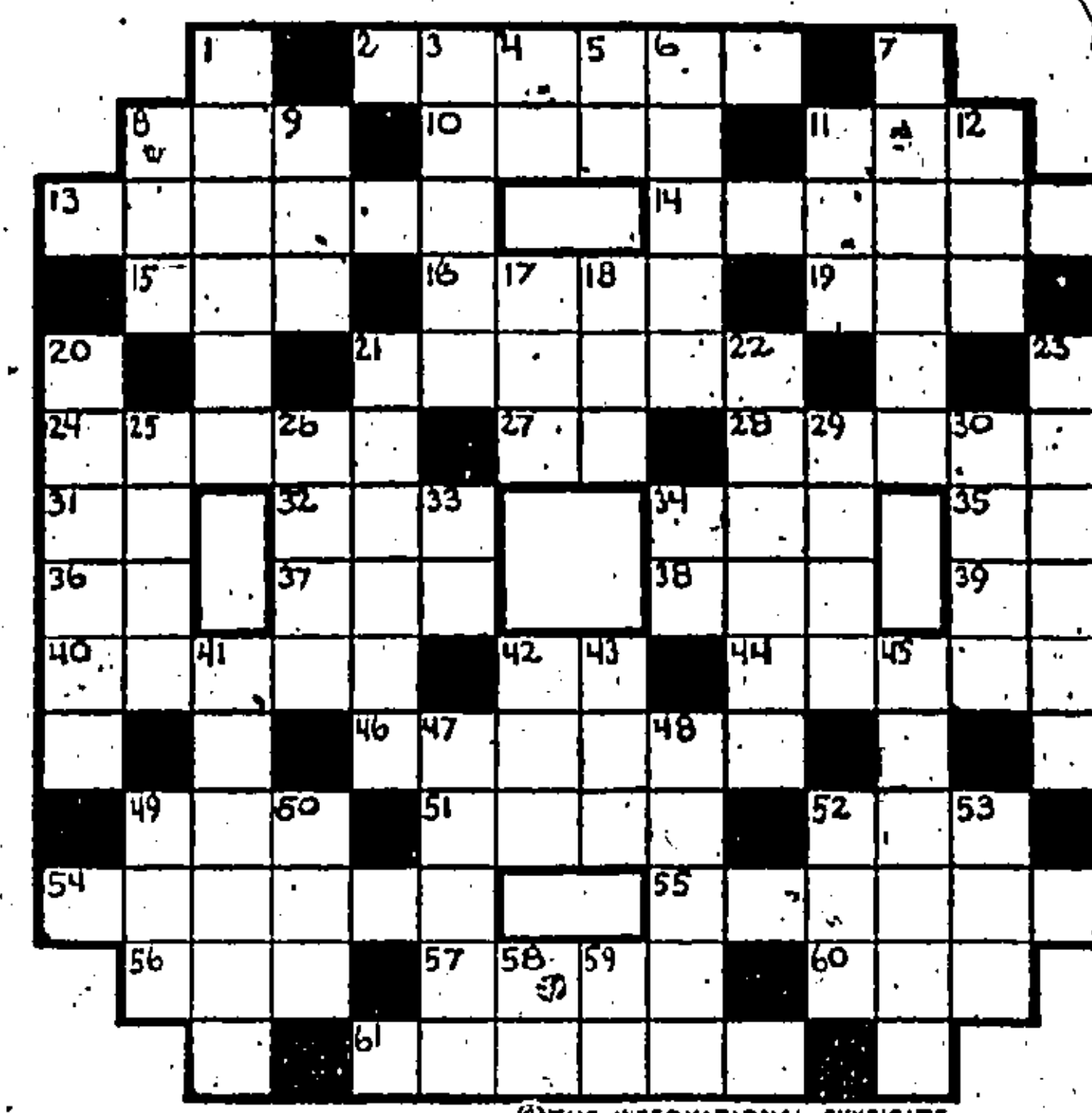
Ancient imagination as a rule was little apt to descend on the beauties of natural scenery. Yet even in the day of the shrine's greatest grandeur it was the natural magnificence of the site which dominated the impressions of poets and historians, to the exclusion of the artistic masterpieces which adorned the home of the famous Oracle.

Different in this respect from other sites of antiquity, practically all that is memorable of Delphi depends on the stupendous nature rather than on the fleeting achievements of man. For the metopes and sculptures, which Euripides described, some can still be seen in the small local museum.

Parnassus. But it is of the clear rushing waters of the rock spring of Castalia and the "untrodden peaks" of Parnassus, as they "catch the rays of morning and pass on the torch of day to mortals," that the poets most fondly sing. Well, as the spectator sits in the theatre, the "Phaedriades," the "Shining Rocks" of the ancients, will catch the sun's rays at his back; the waters of Castalia will still flow clear and cool from their native rock below his left hand and fall with loud echoes sheer into the gorge of the Pilestus far beneath, past the still flourishing planes growing on the shelf of rock where Agamemnon was reported by the legend to have

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

HORIZONTAL

- 2-Help
- 3-Spasm
- 10-A mark drawn by pen or pencil
- 11-Hurry
- 13-To seduce
- 14-To take vengeance
- 15-Pallid
- 16-Always
- 19-A drinking cup
- 21-Thinly diffused
- 24-A seasoning
- 27-Point of the compass (abbr.)
- 28-Search
- 31-Preposition
- 32-Used to propel a boat
- 34-Possessive pronoun
- 35-Conjunction
- 36-Printer's measure
- 37-To work at with steadiness
- 38-A fruit
- 39-Note of the scale
- 40-Reasoning power
- 42-Fruit (Roman number)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44-Touchy
- 46-A kind of cotton material
- 49-Not in
- 51-Dox
- 52-Direction
- 54-Pertaining to a hoof
- 55-Brought together
- 56-Consummation
- 57-Relieve
- 60-Procure
- 61-Convoy

VERTICAL

- 1-Robbery on the high seas
- 3-Slumber
- 4-An island in N. Y. State (abbr.)
- 5-Among
- 6-Cauterizes
- 7-A period of time
- 8-Not many
- 9-A metal
- 11-The bottom of a skirt
- 12-To urge on

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-Front
- 18-Before
- 20-Confirm
- 21-Closed tightly
- 22-Equal justice
- 23-Wanders
- 25-Where one lives
- 26-Wipes up
- 29-To impel
- 30-Ductile
- 33-Railway (abbr.)
- 34-Preposition
- 41-A kind of candy
- 42-A mischievous person
- 43-By way of
- 45-Placed in a seat
- 47-Small bodies of land surrounded by water
- 48-More genuine
- 49-A unit
- 50-Exclamation of impatience
- 52-False hair
- 53-Still
- 58-Army Corps (abbr.)
- 59-For this reason

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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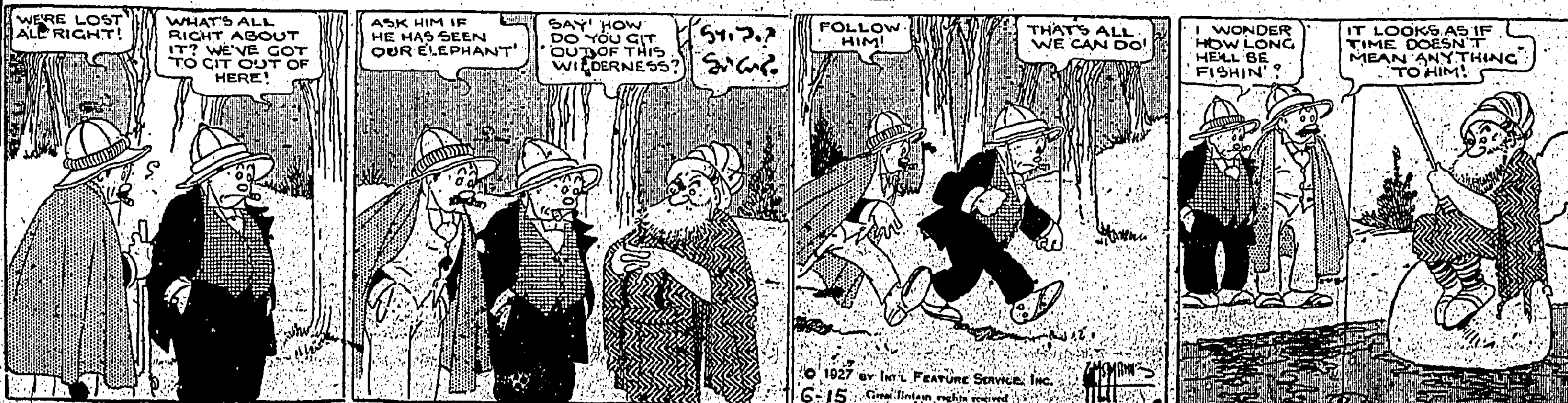
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The Dowager Lady Russell of Liverpool left £9,875 gross.

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The new church erected at the Surrey end of the Rotherhithe Tunnel by the Norwegian colony in London was opened by Crown Prince Olaf on June 26.

Mrs. Sarah Louisa McArthur, Sydenham Hill, S.E., and Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, left estate in her own disposition of the gross value of £179,481.

Mr. Thomas McKinnon Wood, who had held various Government posts and was a former chairman of the London County Council, left unsettled property of the gross value of £130,372.

A Dead Queen.

An interesting exhibition of articles which belonged to Queen Marie Antoinette and her children, together with documents and pictures of interest connected with them, was opened at the Chateau of Versailles. Many of the exhibits, which number 400, have come from French museums, or have been lent by private collectors.

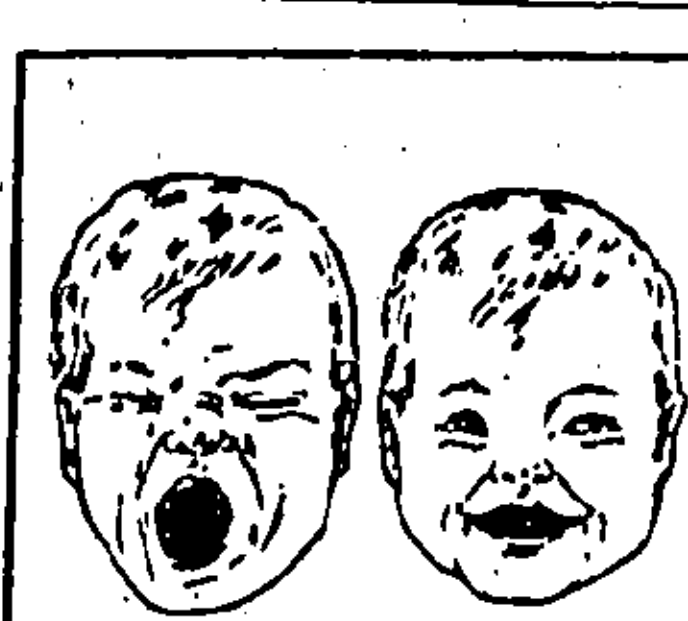
Following on the warning issued by the New Zealand Minister for External Affairs regarding the harmful agitation by certain European residents in Samoa, an amendment to the laws has been gazetted, which considerably widens the powers of the authorities regarding deportations from Samoa, and removes the protection hitherto afforded by some years of residence.

Mr. Coates, Prime Minister of New Zealand, in a speech at the Palmerston Show, referred to the progress in hydro-electric installations, and said that \$6,000,000 had so far been spent on a well-planned scheme, which would pay its own way. The power was being extensively used in country districts, and electric milking machines had increased 270 per cent. in three years.

His Own Child.

The evidence of his own child, aged three years, was accepted before the Monte Carlo Criminal Court against Etienne Blangino, a wealthy Riviera hotel-keeper, who was sentenced to 20 years' penal servitude for the murder of his wife and his daughter, aged nine.

A contract was signed for the purchase of riverside land at Thames Ditton, which it is proposed to convert into a "miniature Venice." Colonel Harry Day, M.P., is at the head of the syndicate which is promoting the scheme, and it is proposed to spend £500,000 on a great all-the-year-round amusement centre.



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The First Thing.

The first thing that really mattered in a British school was good order and discipline, said Major Ian Hay Beith (Ian Hay), at the City of London School, where he distributed the Beaufoy and Mortimer prizes to the boys.

Fears were expressed that the whole station, largely composed of wooden buildings, would have been destroyed when fire broke out in range of wooden buildings occupied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond as refreshment rooms, bed rooms for staff, etc., at Queen Street, Southern Railway, Exeter.

Addressing a conference on "English" under the auspices of the Society of Literature, Mr. Bernard Shaw said that the language in the United Kingdom, according to a census, consisted of 42 1/4 million dialects.

There is a revulsion of feeling against Negro dances and a tendency to return to the languorous paces of the Viennese waltz, according to the world's dancing masters, who are holding a congress in Paris.

The Ashmolean Museum at Oxford has treasures, grave and gay, to recall faces long dead and hands more than withered. Hard by Queen Elizabeth's gloves you may see a glove said to have belonged to Mary Queen of Scots; a dainty thing with long fingers and gaunlets adorned with braid and bows of ribbon.

Eden Hall.

The sale of the whole of the 3,250 acres, comprising the Eden Hall estate, the ancestral home of the Musgraves, on the banks of the Eden, Cumberland, has now been completed by Messrs. Knight, Frank, and Rutley, of Hanover Square, W.

More than 980 square miles of mountain reserve is to be added to the national park area of the Rockies by the extension of Jasper Park, the famous pleasure resort in the Canadian Rockies, says the Dominion Commissioner, Mr. J. B. Arkin, in a statement at Edmonton.

The annual congress of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand has passed a resolution urging the Governments of both Dominions to make representations to the Imperial Government with a view to stopping the wholesale destruction of whales in the Ross Sea, in the Antarctic.

The capture of a dangerous gang of dacoits (armed robbers) in the Cawnpore district has been effected after the criminals had attacked the house of a magistrate in the village of Umarpur. The owner of the house was absent, but his brother-in-law hid from the gang and sent information to the police.

Suicide and Rome.

A brisk campaign is being carried on by a section of the Roman Catholic Press to induce the Government to include suicide among the crimes contained in the new civil and penal code, which is being elaborated by the Fascist Government.

"That the resolution passed by the General Council on January 12 in reference to Major Coxon be, and is hereby, rescinded." A resolution in these terms passed by the Town Council of King's Lynn has brought to a conclusion an incident which arose out of a Royal visit to the town.

When Mrs. Smith-Wilkinson, who was known as the "best-dressed woman in the world," died in 1924, she left nothing to her husband out of her estate of £17,000. Mr. Edward Henry Smith-Wilkinson, of Matlock, Derbyshire, the husband, is now suing his late wife's executors for the return or value of jewellery and other articles which he alleges are his property.

The trial of Frederick Boxall, 19, cowman, charged with the murder of Katherine Mary Baker, 15, the niece of his employer, at Noke Farm on January 26, was concluded at the Oxford Assizes. He was found guilty of manslaughter, and Mr. Justice Greer, sentencing him to twelve years' penal servitude, said the jury had taken a merciful view of the case.

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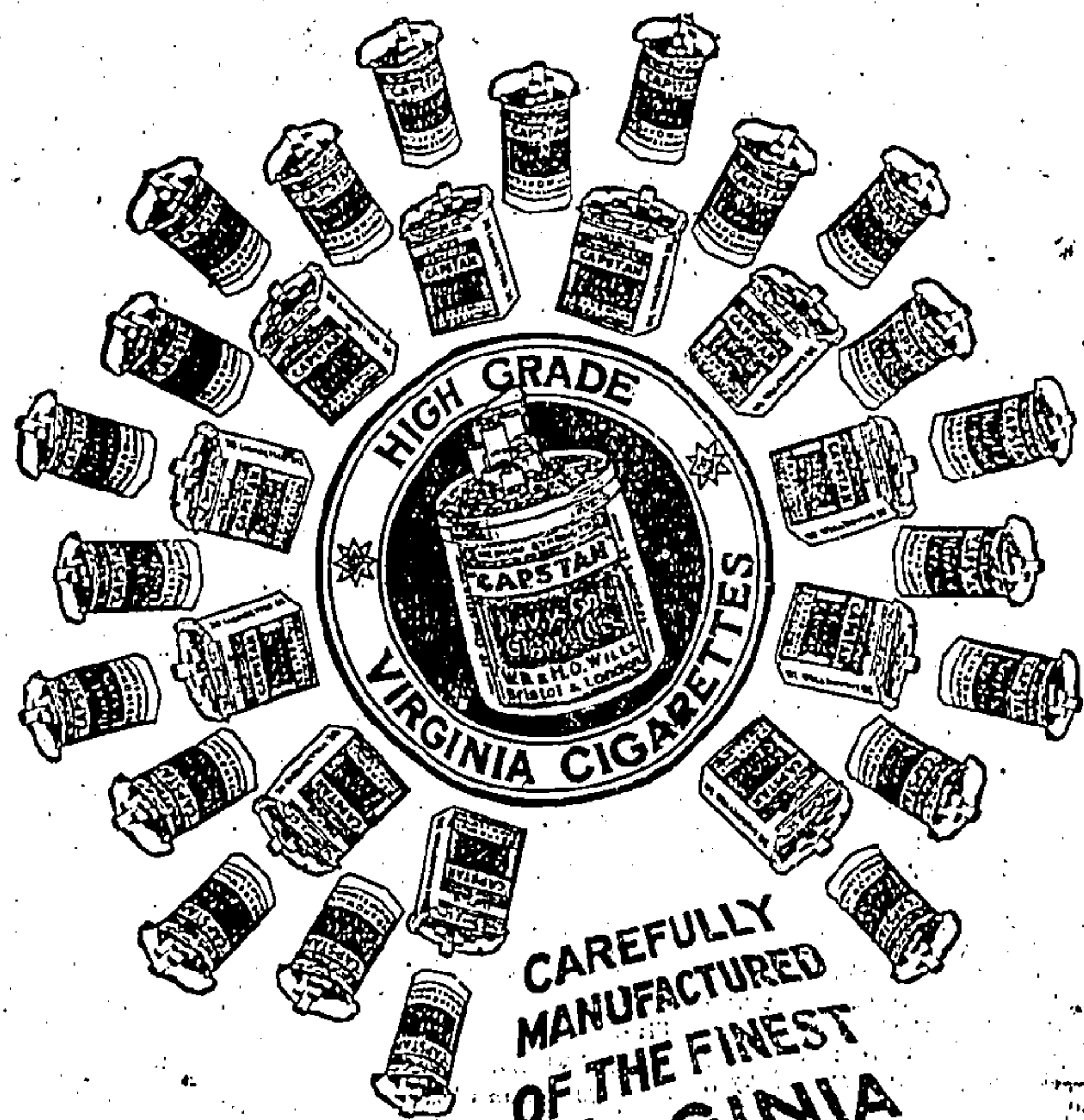
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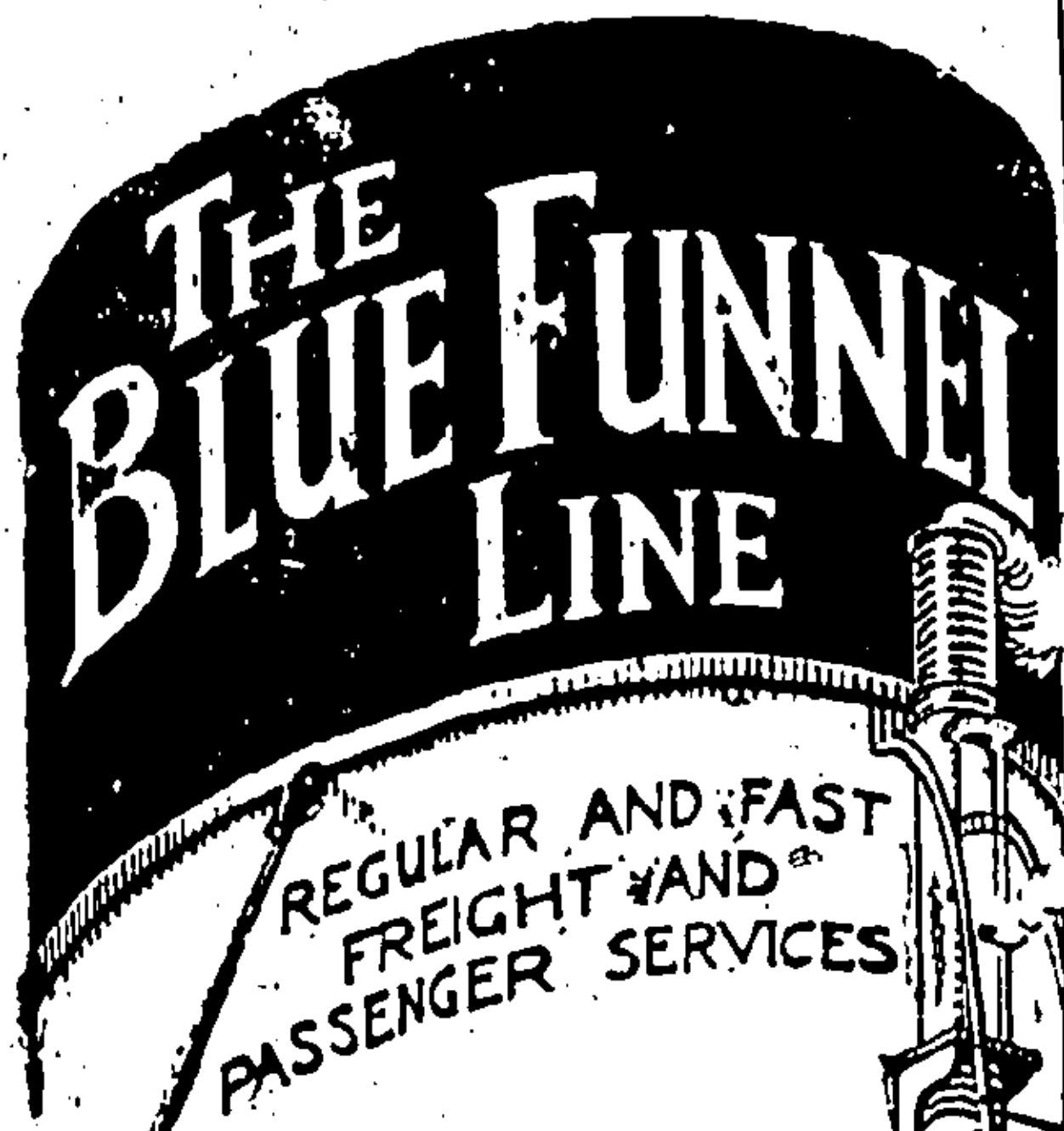




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Oldenburg, President Madison, Rhoxenor, Songho, Glenamoy, Helenus, Kumsang, Lingnam, Laisang, Rangoon Maru, Canada Maru, Indo Maru, Borneo Maru, Vestland.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
SATURDAY, JULY	30
Europe via Negapatun, letters only London	Oldenburg.
30th June	31
Europe via Negapatun papers only London	Kum Sang.
(30th June)	President Madison.
Manila	Rhexenor.
Straits	1
MONDAY, AUGUST	
Manila	Empress of Canada.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	President Polk.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	President Pierce.
FRIDAY, AUGUST	5
Shanghai	Kashgar.
SUNDAY, AUGUST	7
U.S.A. Canada, Japan & Shanghai	President Jackson.
MONDAY, AUGUST	8
Canada, U.S.A. Japan & Shanghai	Emp. of Russia.
MONDAY, AUGUST	22
Manila	Emp. of Russia.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
FRIDAY, JULY	29
Samshui and Wuchow	Sanning 4 p.m.
Manila & Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Vogtland 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Song Bo 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, JULY	30
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th August. G.P.O.—Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. Kowloon P.O.—Registration 8 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	Hakusan Maru. 8.30 a.m. Lai Sang 8.30 a.m. Daviken 8.30 a.m. Bandoeng Maru. 10.30 a.m. Prosper 5 p.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Canada Maru 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Haiyang 5 p.m.
Japan	Yan On 5 p.m.
Saigon	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Oldenburg 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	
Hoihow & Pakhoi	
SUNDAY, JULY	31
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	
Formosa	
MONDAY, AUGUST	1
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Canada & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 26th August. Parcels 10 a.m. Registration 11.15 a.m. Letters Noon.	President Madison. Noon President Polk 2
TUESDAY, AUGUST	
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Menado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 3rd Sept. K.P.O.—Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O.—Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Paul Leat. 4.30 p.m. President Pierce 5 p.m. Kumsang 5 p.m.
Manila	
Amoy	

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

THE OIL FIGHT.

"Standard" Chief For London.

PROBABLE CONFERENCE.

Users Of Cheap Russian Fuel.

New York, Thursday.
Mr. Herbert Pratt, President of the Standard Oil Company of New York, is sailing on July 29, ostensibly on holiday in Scotland, but it is suggested that an oil conference in London is probable between Mr. Pratt and Sir Henry Deterding, Mr. John Rockefeller, jun., and Mr. Walter Teagle.—Reuter's American Service.

A Boycott Idea.

Batavia, Thursday.
Pleading for a boycott of Russian oil, Mr. Oppenheim, a representative of the Royal Dutch Co., in an interview, said that if American oil interests support the Soviet Government, by entering into important contracts, it would enable Russia to use most important resources as a formidable weapon against civilisation.—Reuter.

Boycott Remote.

London, Thursday.
Interesting sidelights in connection with the conflict in the oil world are revealed by a "Financial News" contributor, who expresses the opinion that the possibility of the oil companies unanimously deciding to boycott Russian oil is remote. Even in England there are exceptions to the majority of companies, which agree to Sir Henry Deterding's attitude.

The article points out that the position elsewhere in Europe is even more marked; for instance, the French and Italian Navies depend on cheap Russian oil fuel. It concludes by observing that tactically the expropriations of American interests into the Russian oil trade are very unfortunate, as not only are they arousing the Royal Dutch Co., but they offer direct encouragement to any attempts that may be made by Mexico to confiscate oil properties.—Reuter.

MOTORS BUY STEELS.

IMPORTANT SHARE DEALS IN U.S.

COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS.

New York, July 28.
A direct community of interests between the United States Steel Corporation and the General Motors Corporation, America's two largest industrial units, is anticipated to-day by the New York papers on the basis of a report that the Dupont-Denemours interests, which already dominate the General Motors Corporation, have been quietly buying heavily in United States Steel common shares.
Their holdings acquired during the few weeks are alone placed at approximately 114,000 shares.—Reuter's American Service.

PACIFIC PEACE.

DESTROY ALL NAVAL BASES!

Honolulu, July 27.
The Australian delegate to the Pacific Relations Conference, Mr. Eggleston, suggested the destruction of all naval bases in or near the Pacific. He believed by adopting this course the peace of the Pacific would be assured, as "Naval engagements between nations with bases 3,000 miles apart would be practically impossible."—Reuter.

ILL-FATED FLIGHT.

AMERICAN DONATION FOR DEPENDANTS.

Paris, July 28.
"Le Matin" says a telegram from New York announces that ex-Ambassador Gerard announced at a fete in New York that a cheque for \$31,251 had been sent to M. Poincaré for the mothers of Nungesser and Coll.—Reuter.

BORODIN LEAVES.

Special Train From Hankow.

TAKES SIBERIAN ROUTE.

Motor Cars And Plenty Of Provisions.

Shanghai, Thursday.
A telegram from Hankow, dated the 27th instant, states that Borodin left this afternoon for Russia via Chengchow, Shensi, and Urga.
His special train, which had been standing-by for 36 hours, was laden with motor cars and was plentifully provisioned for a lengthy journey.—Reuter.

Off to Changchow.

Official trains with motor cars and fully equipped with provisions is waiting to take Borodin north to Changchow.—British Naval Wireless.

ALL WE WANT.

CHINESE TREATMENT OF FOREIGNERS.

Shanghai, July 28.
Addressing the Rotary Club this afternoon, an American Congressman, Mr. Dyer, said all that foreigners wanted in China was the same protection of life and property which the Chinese received from foreign countries. If China were unable to give that protection, their respective Governments must provide it. No country now-a-days could live unto itself alone.—Reuter.

NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

JAPANESE EMPEROR ATTENDS.

Tokyo, July 28.
The Emperor left for the Bonins aboard the battleship H.M.S. "Yamashiro" to attend the naval manoeuvres.
He will be absent a fortnight.—Reuter.

PIONEER PLANTER.

AGED TOBACCO GROWER PASSES AWAY.

Amsterdam, July 28.
The death is announced of Jacobus Nienhuys, aged 91, a pioneer tobacco planter of the Dutch East Indies.—Reuter.

ATTACKED BY VILLAGER.

A Chinese man and three women living in Shekianpo village, Tung-chung, Lantau Island, were yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to their heads, arms and hands. They were said to have been assaulted by a villager named Cheung Yung who was armed with a chopper and a bamboo pole. The cause of the assault is at present a mystery.

ASSAULTED WITH BAMBOOS.

As the result of being assaulted by four or five men armed with bamboo poles, a coolie living in a match on the hillside at Saiwanho was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to the body and arms. His assailants have not been arrested, and there is no apparent reason for the attack on the man.

FARMER'S BODY FOUND.

The body of a Chinese farmer of Halungchong village, Shaolin was found badly crushed on the railway track about 500 yards from the Shaolin station. The man was obviously killed by a train, but it is not clear whether the man had committed suicide or was the victim of an accident.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand to-day was 1/11 15/16

RAIN PLAYS HAVOC.

Loss of Life in Bombay Presidency.

MAIL TRAIN MAROONED.

Broach Cotton Crop Feared Badly Damaged.

Bombay, yesterday.
Phenomenal rains in Gujarat have caused widespread havoc. Traffic is interrupted owing to breaches in the railway. Mail train from the Punjab due at Bombay on July 25 was marooned at Itola, 235 miles from Bombay. Efforts to rescue the passengers have been unsuccessful.

A 300 feet breach in the line held up the relief train and an effort is being made to rescue the passengers by boats.

It is reported from Ahmedabad, which had 46 inches of rain since July 23, including 29 inches in the past 48 hours that a thousand houses collapsed, killing three people and injuring 10. The suburb of Champapura was evacuated.

Reports of heavy casualties at various places are as yet not confirmed.

Baroda was cut off telegraphically. The town of Dholka is reported to be under water, an adjoining lake having burst its banks. The Kali dam at Dohad is breached to a width of 700 feet. Rains continue and it is feared that the Broach cotton crop is seriously affected.—Reuter.

LIKES HONG KONG.

PERSISTENT CHINESE VISITOR.

PRISON AND BIRCH.

When a Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with returning from banishment, he said that he came here to look for work.

Sub-Inspector Vincent said that the accused was convicted of larceny in July, 1924, and received nine strokes. In June 1926, he was again in trouble for stealing and went to jail for two months. He was banished for two years upon his discharge from jail. Accused returned to the Colony the following month and was sentenced to 10 months' jail and 20 strokes. He was again sent away two months ago, and returned this week.

Mr. Lindsell passed sentence of 12 months jail and 20 strokes.

ROBBED A BABY.

CHINESE STEALS RATTAN BANGLE.

SHOPKEEPER COMMENDED.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with snatching a gold mounted rattan bangle from a baby which was being carried on its mother's back in Queen's Road West yesterday afternoon. When the alarm was raised the thief ran down Sutherland Street into Kowloon Street, where he was arrested by a shopkeeper.

Accused admitted the charge and was sentenced to six months' jail and 12 strokes.

Mr. Lindsell commended the shopkeeper, saying that he had given a good example to the public.

CURTAILED SPINNING.

JAPAN ASSOCIATION'S DECISION.

Osaka, Yesterday.
The Japan Cotton Spinners' Association has decided to continue the 15 per cent. curtailment of output for the half year from November next to April, 1928.—Reuter.

WOMAN POISONED.

A Chinese woman living in the Hong Kong Electric Company's coile quarters at Shauiwan, was yesterday taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from poisoning as the result of drinking a quantity of disinfectant. She was discharged from the hospital the same day.

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